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Reagan ready to consider tax increases

Budget crisis forces policy shift after Wall St crash

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan yesterday agreed to consider all options, including a tax increase, in emergency negotiations with Congress to reduce the $170 billion (£106 billion) US budget deficit which has unnerved financial markets.

Mr Reagan's statement, read on his behalf by the White House spokesman, Mr Marlin Fitzwater, represented a fundamental shift in the positions taken by the President over the past six years. He has consistently opposed tax increases as something he would accept "only over my dead body".

Congressional leaders, who had pressed President Reagan to agree to an "economic summit" to solve the budget problem, said they were confused by the conflicting statements of Administration officials. "There is deep scepticism up here that the President is really serious," said an aide to the House majority leader, Mr Thomas Foley.

The White House also announced that Mr Reagan would hold a news conference, his first in Washington in seven months, on Thursday night. This was also part of the White House strategy to restore confidence in the President's leadership, senior officials said.

As an indication of the confusion and lack of direction in the Administration over the crisis, there were conflicting reports from the White House yesterday on how seriously Mr Reagan was considering tax increases. The President contributed to the disarray yesterday during a photograph session with President José Azcona of Honduras when he said: "I have not changed my mind."

The Democratic leadership held private sessions yesterday with the White House Chief of Staff, Mr Howard Baker, and the Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, on the negotiations which must be completed by November 20. This is the date that automatic, across-the-board spending cuts to reduce defence and other programmes by $23 billion are scheduled to go into effect, if a compromise solution cannot be reached.

"We made it very clear to them that there would be no summit unless the President was directly involved. He personally must indicate, as President, that he is serious about a realistic deficit-reduction package which includes revenues or new taxes," said an assistant to the House Speaker, Mr James Wright.

Despite scepticism, congressional leaders hoped that a summit with the President could result in the first, meaningful cuts in the record fiscal deficit which has been a blight on the US economy.

It was seen as a possible breakthrough which could produce budget cuts larger than the $23 billion in reductions scheduled under a revived balanced budget law. But an aide to Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic majority leader, said: "We will not let the White House use this as a public relations ploy to get through this financial crisis."

Earlier, Mr James Miller, director of the Office of Budget and Management, threw doubt on Mr Reagan's apparent change of heart by stating firmly that the President would not relax his position on a tax increase. "His position is unchanged. He will not accept one," Mr Miller said. However, this was not the official White House position.

Mr Reagan's willingness do discuss the possibility of tax increases, after years of vehement opposition, was seen as part of a broader effort by the White House to demonstrate to nervous financial markets that the President was firmly in control of policy. The bitter confrontations with Congress, resulting in stalemates over reductions in the huge budget deficit, were regarded as one of the factors causing the plunge in Wall Street prices on "Black Monday".

"Everything is on the table for discussion. Although the President remains opposed to a tax increase, we will go into the negotiations with an open mind and see what we come out with," Mr Fitzwater said.

Share prices on Wall Street rose sharply in early trading in response to the White House statements. Mr Reagan reluctantly agreed to hold budget negotiations with Congress after an urgent White House meeting with his top economic advisers.

The Treasury Secretary convinced the President that continued battles with Congress over economic policy were sending the wrong signal to international financial markets.

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World markets bounce back

By John Bell, City Editor

The world's leading stock markets yesterday shrugged off their doom-laden mood of earlier this week and staged sharp rallies in share prices.

In London, where dealers were at their desks an hour earlier than usual to catch up with a backlog of bargains, shares opened higher and continued to rise throughout the morning. The FT-SE 100 index, the most widely followed barometer of the market, was more than 180 points up before lunch and closed at 1,943.8, a rise of 142.2 points on the day.

London dealers took their cue from Tokyo, which reversed its plunge of the previous day. In hectic trading, the Nikkei Average recorded its biggest-ever advance, climbing 2,037.32 points. The rise of 9 per cent recovered most of the record 14 per cent drop of the previous day.

In New York, where a recovery on Tuesday effectively halted the worldwide panic in other leading financial centres, share prices made further strong gains early on. Dealers reported extremely heavy trading. At one time during the morning, prices were being reported more than an hour late, due to the near-record level of trades. The Dow Jones industrial average was more than 150 points higher by mid-morning.

The abrupt change of mood in equity markets stemmed from a concerted effort by leading finance ministers to reassure markets of their commitment to dollar stability. They also let it be known that upward pressures on interest rates would be eased. In New York, an especially calming factor was the stated willingness of the US Federal Reserve to pump cash into the banking system should the need arise.

Bond and currency markets failed to join in the general euphoria because of doubts about whether the situation had improved since before the stock market crash.

Dealers believe a dollar fall will still be required in the next few weeks unless there is action to reduce the US budget deficit. Bonds were nervously steady in New York and London, gilt-edged ending about a quarter of a point up.

The dollar drifted lower in Europe but moved higher in New York last night, on hopes that President Reagan will agree to tax increases when he meets Congressional leaders to discuss the budget deficit.

In London, gains were recorded across a broad front, with leading blue chip stocks regarded as bargains after the falls of Monday and Tuesday. BP shares were a dull spot, up only 12p to 297p, still way below the 330p offer price.

Royal couple keep weather eye open



The Prince and Princess of Wales in seasonal rainwear during their tour of flood-stricken Carmarthen yesterday.

BBC heralds staff cuts in a radical shake-up

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The BBC is planning to cut its staff costs by more than five per cent by 1993 and to introduce efficiency measures in a radical shake-up that includes extra spending on programmes and new money-raising ventures.

The five-year strategy also proposes radical changes for BBC radio, with the possible creation of two new stations — one for education and sport, the other for coverage of Parliament, state occasions and big news events — and a streamlining of existing frequencies.

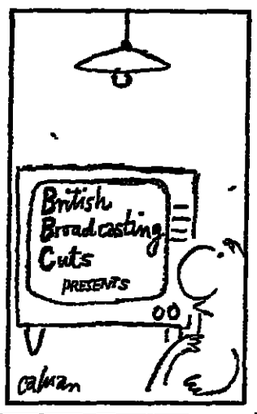
But the most controversial recommendation is for an annual one per cent reduction in staff costs, together with an apparent acceptance that independent producers should make 25 per cent of BBC programmes, excluding news, by 1993.

Broadcasting trade union chiefs said last night that this combination would have a catastrophic effect on jobs.

Mr Michael Checkland, director general of the BBC, told the corporation's 29,000 employees yesterday that the new policy objectives involved gradual change rather than revolution. But he insisted the BBC must be leaner and fitter to face the future, and added: "We have to accept we must live within our income."

With increases in the TV licence fee being pegged to the retail price index, and broadcasting costs due to exceed income by about 2 per cent a year, Mr Checkland and the board of governors have drawn up 80 policy objectives aimed at balancing the books and concentrating resources. The key proposals include:

- Reducing staff costs by 1 per cent each year in radio and TV, bringing savings of more than £20 million a year by 1993
- Expanding BBC Enterprises, which sells books, publications and data, to a turnover of at least £200 million by 1991 and possibly attracting equity capital
- Increasing the sale and transmission of archive material
- Selling programmes to new broadcasting services such as cable and satellite stations
- Setting aside £24 million a year by 1990 to commission 500 hours of independent productions for the TV network; 100 hours in the regions
- Reducing operating costs in local radio by 10 per cent
- Pooling of TV and radio news-gathering resources



The unanswered questions last night was how many jobs would go and if they would be achieved by natural wastage and voluntary redundancy.

The biggest single change outlined yesterday involves radio, with proposals to stop frequency-splitting and the duplication of programmes on FM and medium wave. The BBC is suggesting Radios 1,2,3, and 4 should all broadcast on VHF, rather than the existing mixture of wave bands.

In preparation for the Broadcasting Bill, the BBC would give up the medium wave frequencies now used by Radios 1 and 3. But the most radical step involves the possibility of using the medium wave frequency currently occupied by Radio 2 for the use of Open University, continuing eduction, schools repeats, sport, children's programmes and even World Service programmes.

Prince is greeted by rain

By Alan Hamilton

Mrs Mair Lloyd wished that her terrace riverside cottage was in better order to receive the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday.

Her furniture was in the garden, her carpets rained, and her living-room wallpaper showed a tidemark three feet from the floor where the river Towy poured through her back door on Monday night and rose to her waist within minutes before she was rescued by boat.

Mrs Lloyd and the rest of Carmarthen were still clearing up the floodwaters with bucket, mop and fire engines when the Prince and Princess visited the west Wales town to see the disastrous effects of nearly six inches of rain in 18 hours. The Towy poured over its wholly inadequate flood defences as though they were simply not there.

The Prince, who had asked to meet the flood victims and their rescuers, flew down from his month-long bachelor's retreat at Balmoral yesterday morning to rejoin his wife at RAF Northolt for the flight to Swansea.

Although Carmarthen's worst flood in living memory had abated, it was still raining when the couple arrived to

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Thatcher to calm investors

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is expected to add her voice today to the message of calm directed by the Government towards investors.

At her first appearance at the Commons despatch box since July, Mrs Thatcher is likely to emphasize the general strength of the British economy and warn against any repetition of the panic which has gripped world money markets this week.

She spent an hour with Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, at Downing Street yesterday, taking stock of the City plunge.

They confirmed the decision to press on with the £7 billion BP share sale, despite its reduced popularity.

As part of the general effort to calm the situation, Mr Lawson refused opposition demands to make a Commons statement on the collapse, while Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, dismissed the behaviour of the financial markets as "a bit of a fit of the shakes" and said it was hard to recollect a time when the outlook for Britain had been so good.

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PR in demand

Demand for public relations services has grown in the 1980s despite an indifferent popular image, says an introduction to six pages of General Appointments

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Trident missile to be hired from US

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Britain is to "rent" the Trident D5 nuclear missile from the United States when the Polaris deterrent is replaced in the 1990s, it emerged yesterday.

The decision, which appears to have been taken recently, means that under a unique "pooling system" the Americans will retain greater control over Britain's independent deterrent than they do with the present Polaris system.

The agreement between Britain and the United States is bound to raise parliamentary questions over the future of Britain's independent nuclear deterrent.

Officials at the Polaris base at Faslane, on the Clyde, yesterday confirmed that although the Trident missiles were being rented, the British Government would have total control over them.

But a team of Americans will be based at Faslane to monitor the quality of the Trident missiles

Under the agreement, missiles that have been taken out of British submarines could then be used in American boats. This has led the Americans to insist on having the means to ensure that the missiles loaned to Britain are maintained according to their own standards.

At present all these facilities, which are now under development in the £550million building programme at Coulport, are being closely monitored by the Americans.

Officials said yesterday that if at some future date the Americans signed a strategic missile treaty with the Soviet Union which removed the American D5 missiles, it was assumed that Britain would be able to negotiate with the United States to buy the missiles that were needed for the British deterrent.

Politburo change

Gorbachov tightens his grip

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday strengthened his position in the Kremlin when a full session of the Communist Party's Central Committee voted to remove Mr Geidar Aliyev, the First Deputy Prime Minister, from membership of the Politburo.

An official communique said Mr Aliyev, aged 64, had been retired on health grounds at his own request. But East European sources said he was known to be one of the 14 voting members of the Politburo least in harmony with Mr Gorbachov's reform programme.

Mr Aliyev's removal followed repeated rumours that he had suffered a heart attack earlier this year and others linking his name with corruption in his native republic of Azerbaijan, where he built his career in the KGB. In terms of service, he was the fourth most senior member of the Kremlin hierarchy.

Although the move reduces the chances of Mr Gorbachov facing opposition inside the Politburo, diplomatic observers noted that he failed to bolster his political strength further by securing the immediate elevation of one of his strong supporters to the position of First Deputy Prime Minister, which Mr Aliyev will automatically have to relinquish.

The failure of Mr Gorbachov to secure promotion from junior to full (voting) Politburo membership for the most abrasive and energetic Soviet reformer, Mr Boris Yeltsin, aged 56, the Moscow party chief, was seen as an indication of the limits to his personal power.

Yesterday's plenum of the 307-strong Central Committee also approved a report by Mr Gorbachov on the elaborate plans now being finalized for next month's symbolic celebration of the 70th anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

The ideological centrepiece of the celebrations will be an important speech which Mr Gorbachov is due to deliver in Moscow on November 2, which is widely expected to dwell on highly-sensitive issues of Soviet history as well as contemporary domestic and international topics.

A crucial question remains as to how the celebrations will deal with the roles of those leading Bolsheviks, like Nikolai Bukharin, who played important parts in the revolution but were later executed or murdered under Stalin.

According to Soviet sources, strong differences still exist about the extent to which the current leadership should be prepared to fill in publicly what are known as "the blank pages" in the 70 years of Soviet history.

US critics acclaim Attenborough's Biko film

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

Sir Richard Attenborough, the British film director, and his controversial depiction of the life and death of South African black activist Steve Biko, *Cry Freedom*, are being hailed by American critics as almost certain Oscar winners after private screenings of the production in Hollywood this week.

"A tapestry of epic grandeur with the power only the man who made *Gandhi* could possibly deliver," noted one reviewer of the £12 million film, which combines the true story of Biko's struggle with that of Donald Woods, the newspaper editor who fled South Africa with his wife and five children for exile in Britain.

"Richard Attenborough was born to scrupulously conduct this blistering exposé of racism and genocide," enthused another of the film, which opens in North America on November 1 and will be seen in Britain later this month.

For Attenborough — no stranger to the vagaries of Hollywood and whose last offering, *Chorus Line*, was savaged with the self-same pens that are now heaping praise on *Cry Freedom* — the news of reviews provides ammunition against past and future critics of his project.

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Biko's former associates maintained that the film greatly overplayed the importance of his friendship with Woods, the source for most of the screenplay's information, claiming the black leader cultivated him simply to get space in his newspaper. The attack was taken up in the *Spectator*.

Sir Richard replied in Los Angeles, as the film was being launched. "If you put the most sinister interpretation on it, it's stuff placed by the South African Government in order to discredit the film," he said. "If you put a more mundane explanation on it, it's no more than pure crude jealousy and envy.

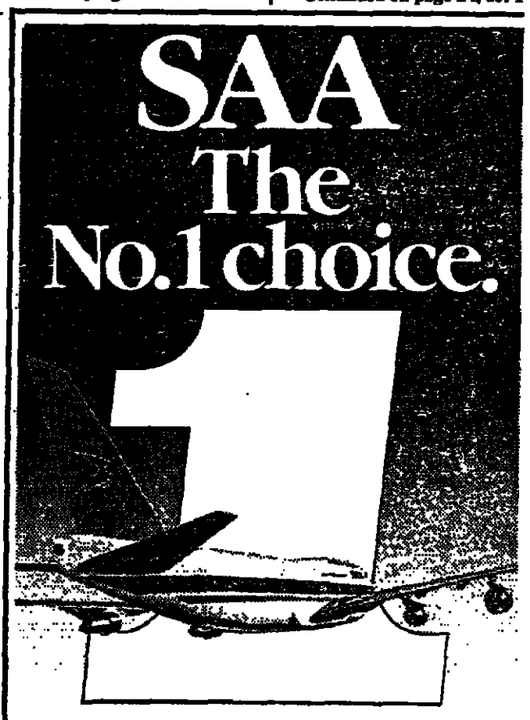
"It's scandalous. If it was actionable I think we should take out a writ, but I'm not sure it is."

The answer to it, he says, is simple. "When I went to see Ntsiki, Steve's widow, she gave me immediate permission to do the film because she said Donald was one of Steve's best friends.

"When Wood's book was published in 1979, he hadn't got a bob to his name. He was living in a little suburban house with matting on the floor, second-hand furniture and five children to educate, yet he sent his first royalty check, the entire amount — £24,000 — to Ntsiki.

"Now we are setting up a Biko family foundation and who are the trustees? At Ntsiki's request — Donald and me. That's good enough for me. The villainy of that bloody *Spectator* is beyond the pale — it's really disgusting."

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NEWS SUMMARY

Aids test before marriage urged

Couples planning marriage should volunteer to take an Aids test to find out whether they are infected, for the sake of themselves and their unborn children, an American doctor said at a medical conference in London yesterday.

Dr Robert Redfield, a US government adviser on Aids, said that the epidemic was now a "family disease". He called for routine Aids testing, particularly among young people, hospital patients and those attending venereal disease clinics. "Ninety-nine per cent of those who are carrying the Aids virus have no idea that they are infected and can pass the infection to their sexual partners. We have to encourage them to act responsibly", he told a meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine.

● A team of 20 volunteers has been trained in Merseyside to befriend people with Aids and offer support. The scheme has been launched by the Merseyside Aids Support Group, Eclipse.

Blow for orchestra

A leading figure on the London orchestral scene is to quit his job next year because he says he is tired of the "constant struggle for cash".

Mr Christopher Bishop, aged 55, has been managing director of the Philharmonia for nine years but does not plan to renew his contract.

He said: "There's a lack of funding, and respect, from the Arts Council and the Government. The Arts Council grant is going down in real terms. You are walking a tightrope all the time."

£1m win on pools

Mrs Elaine McDonagh, aged 31, a housewife with three children, yesterday collected a cheque for £1,010,172 from Littlewoods Pools.

Mrs McDonagh, from Keighley, West Yorkshire, has been taking a college course in accounting in her spare time. She started the course in the hope of stretching the family budget, as her husband is unemployed. However, all this will now change.

"It's going to be a nice change to watch the money grow after years of scrimping and saving", she said.

Warriors on the way

Nine members of the Terracotta Warriors buried 2,000 years ago with the first Emperor of China will form the centrepiece of what is expected to be the biggest exhibition in Britain since Tutankhamun.

Organizers of the £1 million exhibition, which opens in London at the Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall on December 14, expect that at least 750,000 million people will have visited it before it closes on February 20.

The exhibits will also include two horses and 22 other artefacts discovered at the site.

Plot story was false



Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi Arabian arms dealer, won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Khashoggi was alleged by the Arab newspaper, *Al Arab*, to have conspired with Sudan's former president, Nimeiri, to have opponents of the Sudanese government liquidated. The article alleged the CIA was a party to the plan.

Mr Khashoggi's counsel, Mr Desmond Browne, said the newspaper's former printers Y A Web-Offset now accepted the 'utter falsity' of the allegations.

Wasp sting kills man

A man aged 63 collapsed and died just minutes after being stung by a wasp, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr George Francis joked with his family about the bites, which he received in his son's garden at Meredale Road, Liverpool, on September 23. Five minutes later, he was found unconscious in the bathroom.

Mr Francis, of Hunts Cross, Liverpool, was taken to Broadgreen Hospital, but was dead on arrival.

Mr Roy Barter, the Liverpool coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Prison 'watchdogs' alarmed at inmate bullying

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Bullying in prisons and youth custody centres, some of it life threatening, is causing concern to boards of visitors, the public's watchdogs over the penal system.

The annual reports of the boards, summarized by the Boards of Visitors Co-ordinating Committee, noted a long list of serious incidents at Styal women's prison between early November and early December last year, "some of which could have, but fortunately had not, led to fatal results".

"We continue to express our deep concern about the extreme vulnerability of the women and youth custody trainees still sleeping without resident night cover, who run considerable risk of assault, fire hazard or sexual bullying. The staff has no effective control over them or the risks they run", the report said.

The board of Askham Grange women's prison was concerned about pressure from adult lesbians on young girls.

Reports of boards at youth custody centres say bullying, applications for protection and indiscipline seem to be synonymous with dormitory accommodation.

Where the incidents are worst, the boards have asked the Home Office to convert dormitories to individual cubicles.

Lack of contructive occupation is cited as another reason for trouble. One prison board in the South-west region expressed its fears regarding too few working facilities in successive annual reports.

The overall report says drug abuse among prisoners is also causing anxiety. The privilege of extra food and drink for prisoners on remand presents opportunities for smuggling drugs.

Many individual board reports refer to the inadequacy of facilities to treat mentally ill prisoners. The general view is that the mentally ill should be accommodated in hospitals and secure units which are specially equipped.

Referring to overcrowding, the overall report said many board members "believe that greater efforts should be made to persuade the courts to make more use of non-custodial sentences and that a fixed maximum time should be set for remand periods".

● Severe underestimates of the cost of building new jails are disclosed today in a report by the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Construction costs for prisons in the big Home Office prison expansion programme have been rising rapidly. In some cases, an annual increase of more than 30 per cent is reported, the league says.

The Prison Officers' Association will meet Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, today, with the Government considering tough action against union members.

Officers who continue their industrial action at six jails could face suspension. Ministerial threats have already been made to remove the prison officers' right to strike.

The option now being considered by Mr Hurd is that officers resume normal working and accept prisoners by the end of the month, or face suspension.

Government abandons target for warships

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government yesterday abandoned its target of three new warship orders a year to maintain a fleet of about 50 frigates and destroyers.

Responding to a defence select committee report on the lessons of the Falklands campaign, it argued that a 50-vessel fleet could be maintained by extending ships' lives with refits and maintenance.

Backbenchers of all parties will claim this is dangerous cheeseparing by a Ministry of Defence unable to cope with a shrinking budget.

Mr Keith Speed, the former Conservative Navy Minister, said last night that the Government must increase resources, reduce naval commitments, or find itself in an "untenable" position. Mr Michael Mates, chairman of the defence committee, said the announcement was a cause of "some concern".

However Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence, who increased the active fleet to 50 ships, indicated that he was content with the decision to keep ships longer, "if the military advice is that that is possible."

In its report last July, the defence committee said that failure to place three new orders a year would jeopardize the fleet's ability to meet its Nato and other commitments.

It spoke of "a steady decline in standards and morale."

Mr Speed said the existing Leander frigates had to be replaced by Type-23 as soon as practicable. Leanders required 100 extra men at a time of serious naval manpower shortages. They also lacked the latest equipment. "We have got to be in the first league even when dealing with second league people like the Argentinians."

The Government appeared to accept the committee's strictures on manpower, saying that it was considering ways to retain more naval personnel. Factors such as less time ashore and greater uncertainty in postings have been blamed for accelerating resignations.

The defence committee noted that just one new vessel had been ordered in 1984, two in 1985 and three in 1986.

In its reply yesterday, the Government said tenders were being sought for four new Type-23 frigates to be ordered in 1988. It was committed to "a modern, well balanced and capable surface escort force of about 50 frigates and destroyers, but the number of frigates to be ordered in any one year will continue to depend on the resources available as well as on other factors such as hull life".

Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Defence Select Committee Session 1986-87: Implementing the Lessons of the Falklands Campaign (Stationery Office; £2.60).

● The Royal Navy is selecting recruits for the first Trident missile submarine, HMS Vanguard, it was disclosed yesterday(Our Defence Correspondent writes).

Although she is not due in service until about 1994, Vanguard will be commissioned in 1992 and many of the technical personnel must be assigned by 1990.

According to senior naval sources at Faslane on the Clyde, the submarine base being redeveloped under a £550 million building programme to take Trident, 208 people have been selected.



Daniel Barenboim (right) and fellow mourners after the funeral (Photograph: Alan Weller)

A silent farewell to cellist

By Brian James

The gifted cellist Jacqueline du Pré was buried yesterday without the sounds that had filled her life. There was no organ, no solemn fanfare, and no voices were raised in hymn. The music was present only in the minds of the many distinguished concert virtuosi and the memories of the hundred or so friends and admirers who filled the small and austere hall of the Jewish Cemetery at Golders Green.

The mourners were led by her husband, the pianist Daniel Barenboim and by Pinkas Zuckerman with whom she had completed a famous chamber music trio in the 1960s, before the onset of her crippling illness. Also present were Mstislav Rostropovich, Zubin Mehta and Itzhak Perlman.

Perlman, whose own career has been restricted by illness, appeared particularly moved by the words of Rabbi Albert Friedlander, of Westminster Synagogue, referring to Jacqueline du Pré's "famous rejection of bitterness" when she had declared: "I was so fortunate to have achieved everything while I was young. I have recorded the full repertoire. I have no regrets."

He spoke also of her "precious giggle, bringing comfort to many who came to comfort her", and quoted the lines of O'Shaughnessy: "We are the music makers, we are the dreamers of dreams". Her music, he concluded, "continues in us".

Long after the simple rites at the graveside, and those who were great in music and those who were merely grateful had departed, Daniel Barenboim walked alone to say his farewells. "Was life good to Jacqueline du Pré" Rabbi Hugo Gryn had pondered, "Or was Jacqueline du Pré good for life?"

New group to counter crime

By Ian Smith

A new national organization will be set up early next year to supervise community crime prevention groups, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The government-backed group will aim to encourage the public to accept greater responsibility in preventing neighbourhood crime, allowing police to concentrate on habitual criminals.

Mr Hurd described the new organization when he visited Kirby, Merseyside, to open the first of five national crime prevention roadshows which are intended to enlist the support of local councils, industrialists, commerce and voluntary organizations.

In a separate announcement, Mr Hurd said a new single custodial sentence for all young offenders under 21 was to be introduced (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

The new sentence will replace the present powers of courts to sentence to youth custody or a detention centre.

● Mr James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, yesterday claimed that routine daily policing in parts of his area was becoming impossible.

Parties at odds over committee chairmen

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

The Government and the Labour Party are heading for a fresh dispute which may mean further delays setting up the 14 select committees responsible for scrutinizing the work of Whitehall departments.

Labour whips insist that their party is entitled to the chairmanships of a further two committees after its improved performance in the general election, while the Conservatives are determined to surrender none.

A committee chairman has little formal power, although he exerts a strong influence over the style and direction of his committee and is a powerful backbench figure. At present the Government holds nine of the committee chairmanships, including all but one of the most critical ones, to Labour's five.

Mr Derek Foster, the Labour chief whip, said last night: "I don't see how the status quo can be right when we have an extra 20 MPs and the Government has 20 fewer". He said he wanted two further committee chairmenships and indicated that he would block the formation of any committee until he got his way.

However, government sources argue that the chairmanships have to be divided to reflect as closely as possible each party's representation in the Commons. By these calculations the Conservatives, with 375 of the 650 seats, claim they are entitled to 9.06 chairmanships and Labour, with 229 seats, to 4.93.

Hopes of re-establishing the committees promptly are also threatened by another dispute, in which Labour insists on putting a CND member on the defence select committee.

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday insisted that Labour would provide effective Commons opposition although its own policies had not been agreed in detail.

He said it was "utterly incredible" to suggest that within months of a general election the Opposition should have "a full arsenal of alternatives to hurl at the Government".

School chiefs fail to change Baker reforms

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The Government has decided not to modify any of its proposals for reforming state schools in England and Wales in spite of an overwhelmingly hostile response from more than 10,000 organizations and individuals.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told local education authority leaders yesterday that the Education Bill to be introduced in the Commons next month will contain precisely the same measures that were outlined in the consultation documents published in the summer.

The Association of County Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities spent more than two hours trying to persuade Mr Baker to change his plans to introduce a national curriculum, allow schools to opt out of council control and require local authorities to abolish artificial admission limits.

Mr Baker discounted their fears that the curriculum would be unduly prescriptive but promised that the Bill would not lay down how much time would have to be devoted to each subject.

He reaffirmed his view that tests at the ages of seven, 11 and 14 were essential to allow the performance of pupils and schools to be compared

The authorities pressed Mr Baker to make it more difficult for schools to opt out of their control by requiring more than a bare majority of parents to support the proposal in a postal ballot.

Mr Baker argued that the requirement was a real hurdle and he had no intention of raising it. However, he emphasized that schools applying to him for permission to opt out would not necessarily be granted it.

Met Office inquiry

Professor's prediction beat the forecasters

One of the two professors appointed to oversee the Meteorological Office's inquiry into its failure to forecast last week's storm had predicted it himself.

Professor Robert Pearce, head of the meteorology department at Reading University, realized trouble was brewing at midnight last Thursday, his wife, Patricia, said yesterday.

"He thought that it would be a windy, stormy night. We have a barograph in the study and he said the pressure was right down at the bottom, almost the lowest he had ever seen it."

When the storm passed over their home in Camberley, Surrey, it knocked down eight trees, including silver birches, an ancient oak and a prized sweet chestnut.

Professor Pearce's partner in overseeing the inquiry, Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, also suffered. His home village of Thriplow in Cambridgeshire lost 70 trees and he was without electricity for 36 hours.

The two men will get down to business today with a meeting at the Meteorological Office headquarters in Bracknell, Berkshire with Mr John Houghton, its director-general.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, has asked the two professors to make an independent assessment of the Office's own internal inquiry into its failure to forecast the storm.

● Farmers and landowners yesterday welcomed the Government's announcement of special measures to encourage tree planting in areas damaged by the storms (Our Agricultural Correspondent writes).

The Countryside Commission also expressed its appreciation of ministers' prompt action and said it would begin co-ordinating action by other public agencies, local authorities and voluntary bodies with experience of amenity tree planting.

Mr Adrian Phillips, the commission's director, said: "There can be no quick and easy answers to a catastrophe of this magnitude. But action can start now."

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said the Government would be consulting the European Commission about increasing the rates of grant under the Agricultural Improvement Scheme to 60 per cent of the cost of planting new hedges and shelter belts of broad-leaved trees, and of replacing traditional walls. For new conifer belts the rate would be 30 per cent.

● The European Community yesterday promised disaster aid to Britain and other EEC countries ravaged by the storms. Britain's share was unofficially put at £210,000, and Spain, Portugal and France are expected to share £420,000.

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The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission (English Heritage) announced yesterday that it would offer grants to owners of historic buildings, including gardens, damaged by the storms.

Mr Richard Butt, head of the Commission's conservation group, promised to deal flexibly and promptly with applications and, as a departure from normal practice, the Commission would assist with the cost of temporary work to safeguard historic fabrics.

The Commission was also having urgent talks with the Countryside Commission and other bodies about the feasibility of providing assistance for the cost of clearing and replanting outstanding historic gardens.

Among English Heritage's own properties, thousands of trees were lost at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, Dover Castle, Battle Abbey in Sussex, Kenwood in north London and Chiswick House in west London.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman, producing the annual report yesterday, said its priority over the next few years would be to help the regeneration of run-down and neglected historic towns, including the inner cities.

Lord Montague said the Commission, which spent nearly £100 million in the past three years, was increasing grants to local authorities for environmental work from 12½ to 25 per cent.

Drug firm link at university

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

A new type of venture aimed at converting discoveries of academic research into commercial products has been agreed between University College, London, and the Upjohn pharmaceutical company. They are to be partners in a novel enterprise called a European Discovery Centre.

It will be based at University College with the purpose of translating the results of basic research into potential new drugs, particularly new preparations for treating illnesses of the nervous system.

Another academic partner in the agreement is the Centre Paul Broca de l'Inserm, in Paris. The work will be directed by Professor Robin Ganellin, professor of medicinal chemistry at University College.

The new enterprise is one of 10 European Discovery Centres which Upjohn intends to support at a total cost of £6.5 million a year.

The university will provide the laboratory facilities. The firm will provide the expenses and running costs for teams of up to twenty people. It will receive exclusive worldwide licences to new technology through the research agreements, but that would include royalty payments.

The centres will operate independently of Upjohn's research activities in the company. They will concentrate on diseases of the central nervous system, cardiovascular complaints, thrombosis, infectious diseases, cancer, and such illnesses as arthritis, asthma and diabetes.

Dr. Roy Hudson, head of Upjohn's pharmaceutical research and development in Europe, said the company returned more than 14 per cent of its sales revenue into research and development.

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Ford to build new £25,000 luxury sports car

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Ford is to establish a new factory in Britain to build a £25,000 sports car.

Yesterday the company confirmed the purchase for £1.3 million of a majority shareholding in AC Cars of Byfleet, Surrey.

Mr Brian Angliss, managing director of AC Cars, which employs 70 people, said: "We need in this day and age to have the backing of a major car maker."

He said that without the decision by Ford to take over the manufacture and sales of AC's two-seater Ace sports car, development on the vehicle would have continued, but with difficulty.

Ford executives declined to comment on the location of the new small factory for the AC or when the car will go into production.

It will be a specialist car sold as an AC, not with a Ford badge, to less than 2,000 customers world-wide each year. In September Ford took control of Aston Martin in an effort to develop a more up-market image.

Mr Derek Barron, chairman of Ford of Britain, confirmed at the opening of Motorfair at Earls Court, west London, that the company's British research and development centre at Dunton, Essex, has been given overall responsibility to design future Sierra-size cars for Ford world-wide.

Dunton, which employs 3,500 engineers and researchers, is the biggest automotive development centre in Europe. Mr Barron said plans to invest £1,460 million by 1991 have been revised and Ford will now spend £1,660 million in Britain over the next five years.

Some 600 additional workers have been recruited at Dagenham, 200 at Halewood and 100 at Ford's Southampton plant. The increase in employment comes at a time when Ford is set to sell a record number of cars in Britain this year.

Next year Dagenham will start production of a new two-litre advanced car engine to be supplied to Ford's main European assembly plants.

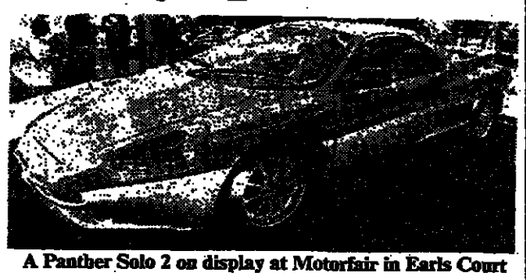
More than £60 million has been invested in new machinery at Halewood to produce a new gearbox.

As Britain's currency position makes it more attractive to manufacture in this country, Mr Barron said: "We are actively encouraging our Continental suppliers to set up operations here in Britain and provided that the quality and reliability is maintained there is more business for the UK components industry available from Ford".

Last month it was announced that a German castings supplier was to take over Austin Rover's foundries at Tipton and Leeds.

● Jaguar announced its biggest-ever fleet order, to supply Hertz with 80 XJ6 cars worth more than £2 million. By 1988 Hertz will have switched all its luxury car orders from German manufacturers to Jaguar.

Austin Rover announced that Avis will buy more than 7,500 cars, worth £50 million, over the next two years. Swan National is to spend £28 million over the next two years purchasing 4,000 Austin Rover models.



A Panther Solo 2 on display at Motorfair in Earls Court

Doctor wins right to challenge advertising curbs

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A doctor was given permission by a High Court judge yesterday to challenge advertising restrictions which bar him from telling people about the kind of medicine he practises.

Dr Richard Colman, who says the health of the man and woman in the street is an open market, won leave to bring judicial review proceedings of the General Medical Council's advertising guidelines.



Dr Colman, who claims support from other doctors.

He said afterwards: "There is a trade in health and I do not see why I should be stopped from advertising just because I am a qualified doctor. I have a message and I should be able to sing it."

The doctor, aged 38, from Bransdale, Fadmore, North Yorkshire, who is backed by the Medical Defence Union, practises holistic, self-help, medicine. But he is barred from informing the public of his services.

Yesterday his solicitor, Mr Stephen Grosz, of Bindmans, said: "This is an important decision because the medical profession is one of the last to prevent its members from bringing the range and nature of their services to the attention of the public."

If Dr Colman is successful when his case comes up for full hearing in the spring, it would lead to a relaxation of the advertising rules by the GMC, which is already under pressure to do so from the Government and Office of Fair Trading, he said.

His counsel, Mr Nigel Pleming, told Mr Justice Stephen Brown yesterday that private clinics were allowed to advertise.

If Dr Colman and a few others bandied together and set up a private clinic, he could do all the things he wanted to.

But at present he can put advertisements only in public libraries, which was the equivalent of hiding the information away.

The GMC guidelines set out in a reply to Dr Colman in March this year were a restraint of trade and freedom to impart information, he said.

Dr Colman said later he had a lot of support from other doctors. "I want to let the public know I am there, and if I win it will ultimately be of help to the public and the profession."

● Doctors yesterday condemned the Government for being slow in reacting to Britain's "appalling" death rate from heart disease and cancer.

The Royal College of Physicians' faculty of community medicine called on the Government to ban tobacco advertising, to set up no smoking zones in public places and to introduce food labels indicating fat content.

Dr Rosemary Rue, president of the faculty, said such a ban, coupled with a rise in the price of cigarettes, would have a major effect on the death rate from heart disease and cancer.

Scientists peer into a crystal ball



Dr David Hughes with the Powderham Crystal Sphere, an eighteenth century astronomical aid (Photograph: John Rogers).

A 200-year-old diamond-engraved crystal ball, which is a scientific instrument as well as an exquisite and valuable work of art, was put on public display for the first time yesterday (Our Science Editor writes).

The Powderham Crystal Sphere, said to be worth £225,000, shows more than 400 stars, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Equator, the ecliptic and the Arctic and Antarctic circle.

Inside the 15-inch crystal ball is a globe depicting the continents and oceans which revolves on its own axis within the celestial sphere.

Dr David Hughes, of Sheffield University, who is a member of the council of the Royal Astronomical Society, said: "This most beautiful instrument is a remarkable example of the sophisticated teaching devices which were commissioned and sought after by royalty and nobility during the eighteenth century".

The inventor of this type of instrument was Roger Long, a Cambridge academic. There are believed to be only two other comparable surviving eighteenth century examples, although many were made, for use in demonstrations and lectures.

The Powderham Sphere is remarkable because it is a combination of the work of three master craftsmen – an engraver, an instrument maker and a globe maker – who were normally fiercely independent and jealous of their work.

The crystal itself is signed by John Cowley, an engraver and Geographer-in-Ordinary to King George 11. The mounting for the sphere, which consists of a brass, geared stand with a circular wooden base and a magnetic compass at the centre, has the signature of Thomas Heath, a master instrument maker.

The third name, Nathaniel Hill, is on the Earth globe.

The crystal sphere was bought in 1750 by Sir William Courtenay and remained with the family at Powderham Castle in Devon, until it was acquired earlier this year by Trevor Philip and Sons, the specialist dealers in scientific instruments of St James's, London.

Portfolio Gold

Win helps with gale damage

The only winner of the £4,000 prize in *The Times* Portfolio Gold is Mrs Beryl Masters-Thomas, who lives with her retired husband in Pinner, north-west London.

Mrs Masters-Thomas, aged 56, works as a secretary. She has been reading *The Times* for several years and has frequently played Portfolio Gold.

It is the first time, she says, that she has won "anything at all".

Mrs Masters-Thomas is particularly thrilled because the win means she will be able to repair her garage roof, which was destroyed by last Friday's storm.

Any remaining money will be invested. Mrs Masters-Thomas already has shares in Rolls-Royce, British Telecom and British Gas. She would like to reinvest in these companies, but says that she is not interested in British Petroleum.

She would also like to treat her husband to a holiday weekend.

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Outburst by abuse case boy

By Mark Ellis

A boy of 10 swore at three alleged sex molesters after spending more than an hour describing abuses he claimed he suffered to a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

He shouted from behind a wooden screen erected to prevent him from seeing the accused, one of whom is his stepfather.

After cross-examination, the boy, clutching a microphone, said he wanted to see the accused go to prison.

Later a girl aged eight, daughter of one of the men, with a white bow in her hair and wearing knee length white socks, sat behind the same screen nervously smiling and swinging her legs. Judge Pigot, the Common Serjeant of London, and the jury saw drawings by the girl portraying her alleged abuses.

The boy said he had been too scared to tell anyone what happened at home with his stepfather and in a garage with two other men.

He said he and his brother were subjected to various abuses and watched each other being assaulted by the men more than a year ago.

The abuses are alleged to have occurred in the bathroom and a bedroom at the boys' home. He told the court he had asked his father to leave him alone, which he did for a short time.

Asked by Mr Andrew Campbell, representing the stepfather, if he was angry about the incident, he replied "Yes, because he is gay."

The boy said he wanted to see the men "go down" because "it was wrong to do it to us".

Before the outburst, Judge Pigot said: "Try and forget it now". Then the boy was led out of court by a social worker.

The accused deny various charges alleging child abuse against five children, three girls and two boys, aged between eight and 13. The charges include unlawful sexual intercourse and indecent assault.

A screen was erected in court to prevent the children from feeling frightened or intimidated by the accused in the dock, but on Tuesday, when the screen's use made legal history, the boy's two sisters, aged 13 and 11, wept during the ordeal of giving evidence.

Det Constable Andrew Davidson said one of the accused told him he had performed a homosexual act with another of the defendants and knew the same man was having sexual relations with his wife and that his daughter had "hinted" at being abused by him.

The case continues today.

More legal history was made in a child sexual abuse case yesterday when a video tape of a hospital interview with two children said to have been abused by their father and grandfather was used as evidence.

The tape was stopped whenever defence counsel wanted to cross-examine a girl aged 14 over differences between the tape and the evidence she had given in the witness box.

The girl gave her evidence and watched the video tape behind a flowered screen in the courtroom.

The decision to allow the video tape to be used was made by Judge Waley, QC, at Maidstone Crown Court, at the request of Mr Rex Bryan, for the defence of the grandfather.

Mr Bryan said there were 18 points he wished to raise about what the girl had said on tape during a talk with a doctor and a social worker at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, central London.

The girl herself told the court she would not answer questions on the video tape unless she could watch it.

The grandfather has pleaded not guilty to charges including incest, attempted rape and an attempted indecent act.

The father denies indecency with his son, daughter and one of her friends.

Mr Keith Simpson, for the prosecution, told the jury: "This is a sordid catalogue of abuse of two children over a period of several years."

The charges were specimen charges, he added.

The trial continues today.

Praise for Stoppards' 'brave' son

By Andrew Morgan

A judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday made a £25 award to the son of Mr Tom Stoppard, the playwright, and Dr Miriam Stoppard for resisting three school bullies.

Judge Argyle gave the award out of public funds to Barnaby Stoppard, aged 16, and said he showed "considerable courage and resource" in his stand.

The defendant, John Freeman, aged 17, was given an absolute discharge.

The judge had earlier agreed to a defence counsel request to give Freeman a chance and not impose a custodial sentence. He has returned to live in Kingston, Jamaica, with his uncle.

The judge criticized earlier reports of the case in some newspapers which suggested that his offer to the youth, formerly of Earls Court, west London, to go to Jamaica was racist.

He said his remarks had been misrepresented, with some reports misquoting him "as if I had made a deportation order".

The court was told that Freeman, who had previous convictions for theft, receiving stolen goods and burglary, agreed to the judge's offer.

At an earlier hearing, Freeman and two other youths, who were both fined, admitted assaulting Barnaby Stoppard at Milestone School, South Kensington, west London.

They were said to have been involved in a systematic course of bullying, threats and demands for money.

Auctioneers defy the slide

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

SALEROOM

There was much mutual exchange of reassurances between auctioneers and dealers at the British Antique Dealers' Association biennial banquet in London on Tuesday night.

They promised to stand firm against the EEC's proposed VAT laws and agreed that, if the art market starts following the erratic behaviour of the stock market, it would stand firm, like Horatius at the bridge, maintaining the market by continuing to buy and sell its goods.

But, as it turned out, the auction rooms needed no such heroic gestures. Even as the banquet progressed, Sotheby's New York was achieving a record total for a sale of jewellery in that city: £15.9 million. And, throughout yesterday, prices continued to soar.

In London, wearables of a functional, but less pleasant nature sold well at an arms and armour sale at Christie's South Kensington. Only 4 per cent was unsold.

The dealer, Bashir Mohamed, paid £82,500 (including buyer's premium) for an early sixteenth century Mamluk suit of armour, and a grotesque helmet, replete with knobbly nose and incised eyelashes, sold for £33,000. Produced in the Innsbruck Court workshop in the sixteenth century, it had been on loan at the Tower of London for 16 years.

Sotheby's London achieved the outstanding price of £78,100 (including buyer's premium) at a stamp sale for a set of 1910 King George and Queen Mary die proofs.

It was described in the catalogue as "the largest stamp collection both in terms of lots and value of a single issue of the King George V ever to appear at auction"; but to all but the most serious stamp collector, the goods on offer seemed to be distinguished mainly by their unending repetition. The day's total of £261,433 was a good start to this three day sale.

Also in London, Sotheby's lesser Impressionist and modern paintings achieved a total of £1.6 million, top prices including that of £57,200 for a boat scene by Tsuguharu Foujita, the Parisian-based expatriate Japanese now in vogue. An erotic drawing by Andre Masson, similar to those in the recent Hayward Gallery exhibition, sold for the same price.

Karpov takes first time-out

Anatoly Karpov, the chess world championship challenger, yesterday took the first of his three available time-outs, automatically postponing the fifth game of the championship until tomorrow.

Gary Kasparov, the defending champion, administered a severe defeat to Karpov in game four, which Karpov resigned without further play on Tuesday. The score is now two points each with 20 games left to play.

Maria Aitken sent for trial

Maria Aitken, the actress, was yesterday committed on bail for trial at Southwark Crown Court, accused of illegally importing cocaine.

Miss Aitken, of Kennington, south-east London, asked at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, south London, to be tried by a judge and jury. The trial date is to be fixed.

Sailor missing

One person is missing and another was rescued by helicopter after a yacht capsized in Langstone Harbour, near Portsmouth, yesterday.

Shotgun death

Mr Lawrence Benwell, aged 43, of Parkstone, Dorset, killed himself in a van with a sawn-off shotgun yesterday after a five-hour siege which began when police received reports of a domestic incident.

Schoolboy's curiosity proves fatal

An inquest at Hartshill, Stoke on Trent heard yesterday how children roamed at will around a major hospital.

The lack of security at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary ended in tragedy when Jason Lindsay, aged 16, gassed himself while fiddling with a cylinder of anaesthetic gas. His body was found in one of the operating theatres at least 24 hours after he died.

The inquest heard from Jason's friends how he had on previous occasions explored the whole hospital, and switched on the machines.

No verdict has yet been recorded.

Police doubt on child cases

By Peter Davenport

A senior detective told the Cleveland child abuse inquiry yesterday of the growing disquiet of police about the number of cases of alleged abuse they were being asked by consultant paediatricians to investigate.

Det Supt John White said officers had complained that photographs of the children they were being asked by Dr Marietta Higgs to take were of no evidential value and were causing distress to the children and embarrassment to the officers. There was no sign of injury to the children.

Supt White said most cases referred to the police appeared to be based solely on a diagnostic technique he regarded as controversial.

The common factors in the cases which caused disquiet among detectives were that there had been no complaint of sexual interference by the children; that the diagnoses were often made after children had gone to hospital for other matters; when questioned by police they did not complain of abuse; and the parents disputed the diagnoses and vehemently denied they were responsible.

Experienced police investigators also shared "a gut feeling" that those parents were genuine in their denial, Supt White said.

He told the Middlesbrough hearing of an occasion when the social services department showed him a video recording featuring a psychologist and a social worker putting questions to two children alleged to have been sexually abused. He had not heard either child make a direct allegation of abuse.

Supt White spoke of concern among police officers about new investigating techniques, such as the use of anatomically correct dolls and video disclosures, being used by social workers.

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

Homosexuality debate threatens to split synod

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

An attempt to force the Church of England into the strict application of traditional sexual morality is to be made at the General Synod next month. It faces a serious division in its ranks, particularly over its treatment of homosexual clergy.

It will be one of two separate debates. The other is on Aids.

With strong backing from Conservative evangelicals and traditionalist Anglo-Catholics, the synod will be asked to support the proposition that "fornication, adultery and homosexual acts are sinful in all circumstances."

The mover of the resolution, the Rev Anthony Higton, of Chelmsford diocese, said yesterday that if it was carried, homosexual clergy who were sexually active should resign. At the last resort disciplinary action should be taken against those who did not.

The Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, which claims to represent hundreds of homosexual clergy, said it would amount to a witch-hunt.

On the previous day, November 10, the synod will debate a report on Aids from its Board for Social Responsibility, which urges the church "to repent of inactivity and of rigid moralism."

Mr Higton said he suspected that the juxtaposition of the two resolutions was intended as a "spoiling" operation. But the Secretary General of the General Synod, Mr. Derek Pattinson, said there was no reason why the synod should not give full attention to Mr Higton's motion.

The deep divisions in the Church of England on sexual morality have lain dormant since a set-piece debate in the General Synod in 1981 was brought to a premature and inconclusive end. Resolutions supportive of and condemning homosexuality were not put to the vote.

Since then there has been a bitter division between those who felt active homosexuality was always immoral, and those who would accept it provided it was "chaste", that is to say conducted within a permanent, loving, and faithful relationship. Some bishops are said to have applied that principle in deciding not to take disciplinary action against homosexual clergy, or in accepting homosexual men for ordination.

Mr Higton's resolution is at the top of the list of those tabled by ordinary synod members, with 168 members signing it to indicate they would like it given priority.

It condemns fornication, adultery and homosexual acts and calls for the reaffirmation by the church of "Biblical standards": that sexual intercourse should only take place between a man and a woman within marriage; and that "Christian leaders are called to be exemplary in all spheres of morality, including sexual morality, as a condition of being appointed to or remaining in office."

The main opposition is likely to come from the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Rev John Yates, chairman of the Board for Social Responsibility. He chaired the 1981 working party whose report led to the controversy.

It had put forward the view that homosexual acts did not necessarily have to be condemned in all circumstances, while opposing homosexual promiscuity.

Present canon law allows for the removal from office of a clergyman who is convicted, on a complaint laid by his bishop, of immoral behaviour, which is not defined. Some ecclesiastical lawyers believe the passing of Mr Higton's motion would influence the outcome of such a case.

The prospect of further arson attacks on some of London's oldest and most beautiful churches brought a warning to the clergy yesterday to tighten security.

Those responsible for all of the 41 churches in Westminster have been advised to be "extremely vigilant" and to lock their doors if necessary after fires at St Peter's, Eaton Square, and St Matthew's, Westminster.

Arson has already been proved at St Matthew's and police fire investigators are sifting through the wreckage at St Peter's, where damage is put at more than £1 million. The fire destroyed the largest parish organ in London and irreplaceable altar cloths.

The Ven Derek Hayward, the Church of England Diocesan Secretary for London, said all central London churches were at risk.

"Clergy must be very vigilant. We cannot force people to lock the doors of their churches and some will say that they will trust in the Lord to look after their buildings."

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Ridley spells out storm-damage help

Local authorities most badly affected by damage in last week's storm will be expected to find an average of slightly less than 0.5 per cent of grant-related expenditure from their existing budgets to deal with the immediate consequences.

That was announced in the Commons by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, when he disclosed details of the Government's short-term assistance for emergency work after the storm.

The Government would meet 75 per cent of councils' costs over and above thresholds which would vary between different types of councils.

For county councils, Government cash help would come into effect once their immediate storm-related costs exceeded the equivalent of what they would raise by a penny on the rates. For shire districts, the trigger point would be 0.15p. In London, it would be based upon the amount that would be raised by another 1.15p on the rates — and would be divided between tiers according to GRE (grant-related expenditure) shares.

These extra amounts of money would be excluded from definitions of total spending, so the authorities should not end up losing rate support grant.

Replanting of trees in Royal Parks — which were his direct responsibility — would go ahead as quickly as possible. Schemes to help local authorities and private owners with tree-planting would be extended so that the taxpayer would be able to contribute to the restoration of the nation's heritage of fine trees.

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Mr John MacGregor) was urgently consulting the European Commission over getting grants increased to 60 per cent under the Agriculture Improvement Scheme for the storm-damaged shelter belts, hedges and traditional walls until the end of 1988-89.

The ministry would be providing special additional help to Kew Gardens and Wakehurst Place. There would be help, too, for tree clearing and planting in hard-hit rural communities.

Mr Jack Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on environmental matters, said that he welcomed much of what Mr Ridley had said. But he wanted to pose some finance-related questions.

The effect of the Government's measures would be that many authorities would have to find the equivalent of a penny rate from their budgets to deal with the aftermath of the storms. Why? This would mean, for example, that Kent County Council would have an immediate bill of £2 million. Hampshire would have to find £2.3 million; West Sussex, £1.1 million; Brighton, £253,000; Reading, £275,000 and Hove, £151,000.

It was totally false to suggest that councils could easily meet the cost of the product of a penny rate in their current financial climate (Labour cheers).

Mr Ridley should be generous and exclude nothing from the calculations of local authorities' total costs as a result of this unprecedented storm damage. Why had the product of a penny rate not been excluded from the consequences of the penalties that most of the authorities were already facing? This would be an additional burden on ratepayers. Again, the Government should be more generous.

Much damage had not yet been properly assessed, let alone costed. Financial consequences and costs would go well beyond this and the next financial years. The Government should think about setting up, with local authorities, a joint working party to consider the full, long-term financial implications of the damage, because these could not possibly be quantified in the short term.

The Government should also take into account the position of individual families and pensioners on supplementary benefits who — even after insurance payouts — simply would not be able to make good damage done to their property.

Mr Ridley replied that arrangements negotiated with local authorities in 1983 envisaged that they would have some responsibility, indeed a duty, to provide for emergencies of all sorts. Over and above a threshold, the Government would come to the rescue — and that was precisely what was happening. The Government was being more generous than the original arrangements stipulated.

It followed that such contingencies had already been budgeted for, so authorities would not lose out on grants. Mr Cunningham was right in saying that there were no means of estimating what the capital damage might be. But if there were knock-on effects in future years, these could be considered once the scale and damage was known.

People receiving benefit who were badly affected by the storms should get in touch with the Department of Health and Social Security, which already ran schemes to help them in such circumstances.

Sir Peter Hordern (Horsham, C) asked for an assurance that where authorities received the 75 per cent aid from the Government there would be no claw back as under existing arrangements. Would there also be assistance for the thousands of National Trust properties and beautiful gardens which had suffered?

Mr Ridley said that over and above the product of a 1p rate in shire counties and 0.15p rate in shire districts, which could be added together where appropriate, there would be no claw back of the local authorities share of that excess spending.

The Countryside Commission had discretion to aid National Trust properties and gardens and the English Heritage had said that they would be prepared to earmark special funds from their own resources for aid. Help could also come from the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) said that local authorities were under financial restraints never envisaged in the Belwin formula.

Mr Ridley said that in effect all authorities were rate capped because once a rate had been fixed it was impossible to increase. All authorities, rate-capped or not, had a duty to make provision for emergencies.

Mr David Blunkett (Sheffield Brightside, Lab) said that the Government's absurd clawback system meant that authorities were being forced to pay money to the Exchequer instead of being able use it to restore their environment.

Mr Ridley said that rate capped authorities could adjust their budgets the following year just the same as those non-rate capped.

Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C) said that the electricity boards had incurred much extra expenditure through their efforts to restore normality to the system and they had a greater claim on the public purse than local authorities.

Mr Ridley said the electricity supply industry had decided to take on itself the costs incurred in restoring supplies.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that many of the London labour authory direct labour forces had been out at the first sign of trouble, hours before the private labour forces were available.

Mr Ridley said he would not play politics with a national tragedy. He paid tribute to all who had played a part, without distinction.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C) asked whether prudent local authorities would eventually have to pay an extra 40p for each £1 spent because of the withdrawal of grant?

Mr Ridley said that authorities which had made contingency plans would have taken into account the grant consequences of allowing that amount for contingencies to lie in their budget, so there would be no forfeiture of grant.

UN 'should control the naval forces in Gulf'

The naval forces in and around the Gulf should be formed into a United Nations force, Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, told the Commons.

Voicing his concern at the escalation of the war in the Gulf, he said that the Government should press for a mandatory arms embargo on both Iran and Iraq.

A complete arms embargo must be imposed on both Iran and Iraq

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, responding to a private notice question from Mr Kaufman, said that Britain's policy towards developments in the Gulf was unchanged. It was strictly impartial in the conflict between Iran and Iraq.

The Government deplored all attacks on shipping in the Gulf and it was determined to uphold the principle of freedom of navigation. It maintained a naval presence in the Gulf for that purpose.

Mr Kaufman said that tit-for-tat, warlike exchanges in the Gulf were inevitably escalating in scale and dimension with every new response from whatever quarter. As he had warned the House three months ago, such escalation had grave consequences for peace in the immediate area and for world peace.

Following the Government's belated decision, after prolonged pressure from the Opposition, to close down the Iranian arms procurement office in Victoria Street, it should now take the initiative in calling for a United Nations mandatory arms embargo on both sides in the Iran-Iraq war. The eight naval contingents in and around the Gulf should be coordinated under the auspices of the UN.

Sir Geoffrey said that Britain and the other five permanent members of the UN Security Council had made plain their commitment to a double-track policy: first, to strengthen the authority and power of the Secretary General in his efforts to promote a ceasefire and, second, being ready to support him with an arms embargo. The Government did not regard a UN naval force as realistic or attainable.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster, C) said that if progress was to be made towards an arms embargo there must inevitably be greater involvement by the Soviet Union.

Sir Russell Johnston (Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, L) said that the change of attitude towards international peacekeeping announced by the Soviet Union should enable concerted action, rather than unilateralist action, to be taken in the Gulf.

Sir Geoffrey said that it was right to emphasize the importance of the participation of the Soviet Union and the United States. It was of the utmost importance that the Soviet Union should be ready to put its full weight behind an arms embargo.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that Britain's commitment in the Gulf was long term. The Government should consider setting up a Gulf defence organization to carry out vital functions in the area.

Sir Geoffrey said that it was difficult to believe that the creation of a new organization was the most important issue. The Armilla patrol had been protecting British ships in the area for seven years.

Mr Denis Healey (Leeds East, Lab) said that the war on international shipping in the Gulf had been started by Iraq, not Iran. The Government's ability to support UN efforts to bring the war to an end would be impaired if Britain continued to support the United States' clear partiality to Iraq.

Sir Geoffrey said that a conclusion to the conflict, along the lines foreshadowed in Resolution 598, demanded a response from Iran and Iraq. Iraq accepted and would implement 598 if the Iranians did so but Iran had neither accepted nor rejected it.

Britain remains strictly impartial in this regional conflict

The UN recognized the need to maintain pressure for an arms embargo in relation to Iran primarily but not exclusively.

Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury, C) said that it would be very dangerous if the Soviet Union took a strong pro-Iranian position in the conflict.

Sir Geoffrey said that it was important for the two superpowers, together with the other permanent members of the Security Council, to be ready and willing to talk and work together in support of a firm and effective joint policy.

One of the shortcomings of the UN has been the absence of a willingness of the five permanent members to work together. One of the modest prizes of the present situation had been the willingness of those five to work together.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab) wanted an assurance that the rules of engagement for the Armilla patrol had been discussed with the United States.

Sir Geoffrey said that of course there had been practical co-operation and close contact between those operating in the area. The function of the Armilla patrol was to be non-provocative and de-escalatory.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, asked how the United States could expect the Soviet Union to apply sanctions while refusing the Soviet offer of its minesweeping force and to repay its debts for UN peacekeeping forces, constructive steps that should have a positive response.

Sir Geoffrey: The British response to the Soviet offer to pay the contribution for peacekeeping is warmly welcomed, but is recognized as a belated recognition of what the Soviet Union should have been doing.

Our response to the suggestion for the establishment of a UN naval task force is one that I have indicated, which does not diminish the force of the point that the Americans are entitled to restrained and prudent action in self-defence. It is important for the Soviet Union to co-operate with the United States and other members in united action to bring the conflict to an end.



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Benn in row on markets

The London Stock Market — even at its low point on Tuesday afternoon — was still above its level at the start of the year: scaremongering and rumour-mongering did more harm than looking at the reality of the market, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said to Conservative cheers during questions.

She was criticizing Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab), who had referred to wild fluctuations in world markets, which, he said, revealed a "high lack of confidence" in Western economies.

He said that it was essential that Britain did not dismantle its remaining defences against the gambling that was going on in world markets by joining the European Monetary System.

Mr Chalker said that she found it completely impossible to follow Mr Benn's logic.

There was no doubt about the underlying strength of the United Kingdom economy. "The markets have greatly over-reacted. We have to wait for them to settle. Certainly, they seem steadier in the last few hours."

Documents stay secret

The Government is refusing to release documents which, according to a Labour MP, reveal the involvement of the military unit in which President Waldheim of Austria was an officer during the Second World War in the interrogation of British prisoners.

During question time in the Commons, Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab) sought an assurance that the Government would co-operate with the inquiry that the Austrian Government had set up into the war-time activities of President Waldheim.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, replied that the documents would not be released. She added: "Where there is evidence — and I do mean evidence and not allegations — then we will co-operate, whether it be with the Austrians or the United Nations War Crimes Commission."

Thatcher 'is belligerent'

With the superpowers on the point of signing an agreement banning intermediate nuclear weapons, Mrs Thatcher's comments that nuclear disarmament had gone far enough made her look "belligerent, antiquated and pathetic", Mr George Robertson, a Labour spokesman on foreign affairs, said during questions.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, countered that it was Mr Robertson who was increasingly antiquated and pathetic, as the style of his questions on this subject showed.

If the West were to make further progress on nuclear arms control, it was of the greatest importance to make headway on the subjects of conventional and chemical weapons as well.

Too many new laws

The volume of new laws and regulations being passed under Mrs Thatcher is double that put on the statute books under her predecessor, Sir James Callaghan, an Institute of Economic Affairs seminar was told yesterday (David Walker writes).

The institute, which is an exponent of free market principles, heard that between 1984 and 1986 the number of pages of public general Acts of Parliament averaged 2,984 a year, compared with an annual average of 1,401 between 1977 and 1979. Dr Cento Veljanovski, an economist, told the seminar that that symbolized a great growth in "red tape".

New peers

Lord Jay, formerly Mr Douglas Jay, a Labour President of the Board of Trade from 1964 to 1967, and Lord Thomas of Gwydir, formerly Mr Peter Thomas, Conservative Secretary of State for Wales from 1970 to 1974, were introduced.

Stance on S Africa defended

The Prime Minister's remarks about South Africa at the Commonwealth conference in Vancouver amounted to reckless insensitivity, Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said during question time.

He asked Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if he would defend before his European colleagues Mrs Thatcher's protection of the apartheid regime. Her behaviour, he said, had destroyed at a stroke much of the patient bridge-building attempted by the Foreign Secretary.

He also sought confirmation that when ministers met Mr Oliver Tambo, leader of the African National Congress, they did so in their EEC and national capacities, contrary to what the Prime Minister has said in Vancouver.

Sir Geoffrey replied: The position of the Government in relation to South Africa, and the need for the removal of apartheid as quickly as possible, is not in doubt. I have no need to defend that in the European Community or anywhere else.

Walker denies accusation that his department is a shambles

WALES

The Labour charge that the Welsh Office had been a shambles in dealing with the flood problems was strongly denied by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, after he had made a statement about the flooding and financial provision for dealing with it.

Mr Alan Williams, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, said: "It is just as well that it is the local authorities, not the Welsh Office, which have been having to deal with the crisis".

In his statement, Mr Walker said that the Government had already made clear that local authorities, who bore the prime responsibility, would be assisted with extra costs.

"All their extra expenditure above a threshold defined as 0.4 per cent of grant-related expenditure will attract special financial assistance at a rate of 75 per cent in accordance with the Belwin scheme, which was drawn up in 1983 in consultation the local authority associations, including those representing Welsh local authorities.

"Extra expenditure above the threshold will be excluded from calculations of authorities' total expenditure, to ensure that they do not suffer a loss of grant as a result of the unforeseeable extra costs with which they are now faced."



Mr Peter Walker: Officials had worked 24 hour-days.

Mr Williams said that only today was the Welsh Office clarifying the financial situation. Councils had been making decisions involving spending by the minute, and had to do so in a vacuum. Councils had not known how their decisions would affect their liability for overspending.

Although in the past there had been talk, in similar situations, of the Government meeting up to 75 per cent of the cost, councils had ended up having to meet two-thirds of the bill. That would be a penal cost to some authorities.

"Councils have been receiving conflicting advice — which is worse than no advice — from the Welsh Office." One local authority had today received from the office its third version of advice on its threshold figure.

Mr Walker said that his officials had worked 24 hours a day and there had been appreciation from all over the country for the advice and guidance they had given.

"I deeply resent his allegation that there has been a shambles, particularly as the only case he cited was that of one local authority which queried what its threshold was."

Flooding had taken place at the weekend and on Monday evening the scheme had been announced after consultation with local authorities.

Mr Keith Raffan (Delyn, C) said that one of the main practical problems resulting from the floods had been the lack of clarity about who was responsible for remedial action.

Mr Walker said that if examples were provided he would look into it.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) praised the efforts of amateur radio enthusiasts who had set up a radio link.

Mr Walker said that local radio experts had given considerable help to the police. He would look at the problem of how to cope with people not being able to make emergency calls when the telephone exchanges were put out of action.

Mr Donald Coleman (Neath, Lab) said that the problem was not only one of flooding but of mountain slippage caused by the heavy rainfall.

Mr Walker said that he could not give any assurances about payments in relation to mountain slippage but he would look into the matter immediately.

Merger talks to be speeded up

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Merger talks between the Liberals and Social Democrats are to be more frequent and the meetings longer as the negotiating teams attempt to meet the deadline set for the finalization of the new party's constitution and structure.

The decision to hold weekly meetings reflects the complexity of negotiating a merger of the two parties which Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, described yesterday as a "mammoth task".

He added that the deadline of December 5 was a "tall order".

Agreement has been reached at the talks that the policy, of the new party will be formed through a policy committee comprising a delegation from the parliamentary party which will be seperate from the executive.

Mr Steel said that no conclusion had been reached on the issue of the leader's veto, but he added that, while it was not necessary for all time, a leader's veto effectively existed in all parties.

Mr Steel said that he and the SDP leader, Mr Robert Maclennan, would produce a policy prospectus for the new party, but that "this is not going to be part of the negotiations... We are not going to have endless debates and negotiations around the table."

Liberal spokesmen

David Alton	Northern Ireland
Paddy Ashdown	Education and Science
Alan Beith	Treasury
Malcolm Bruce	Trade and Industry
Menzies Campbell	Arts, Broadcasting and Sport
Alexander Carlile	Home Office and Legal Affairs
Ronald Fearn	Health and Social Services
Geraint Howells	Agriculture
Simon Hughes	Environment
Sir Russell Johnston	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Archy Kirkwood	Scotland
Richard Livsey	Wales
Mrs Ray Michie	Transport
Cyril Smith	Employment
Matthew Taylor	Energy
James Wallace (chief whip)	Defence

Announcing a reshuffle of his parliamentary team, Mr Steel agreed that the merger of the two parties would be the "highest priority" for the Liberals in the initial months of this session of Parliament.

Mr Steel has switched his deputy, Mr Alan Beith, from the foreign affairs portfolio to the important job of Treasury spokesman. Mr Cyril Smith returns to employment and Sir Russell Johnston moves from the Scotland portfolio to foreign affairs.

Inner cities need a link ministry

HOUSE OF LORDS

A call for co-ordination of the Government's efforts to refurbish the inner cities came from Lady David, when speaking for the Opposition in the Lords.

In a debate on the needs of inner cities, she said that the Government was now paying more attention to the problem but she wanted to know who was in overall charge of reversing the economic decline of these areas. "The Prime Minister herself really cannot be", she said (Mrs Thatcher chairs the Cabinet committee on the inner cities).

"Can seven ministries really move in the same direction? It is important that there should be a lead department and one co-ordinating minister."

Greater co-operation between central and local government was needed, but the Government had minimized the role of local government.

If derelict land was not brought into use fairly soon, developers might find more opportunities in unwanted agricultural land which might come on to the market.

Opening the debate, Lord Windlesham (C) said that the inner-city problems were not irrevocable. "A better life in a better environment is attainable and it is the responsibility of Parliament as well as government to work towards it."

Lord Ezra (L) said that there had been many achievements, but progress in many cases had been slow.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Arms Control and Disarmament (Privileges and Immunities) Bill, second reading.
Lords (3): Criminal Justice Bill, committee, second day.

Sports measure

Sunday betting Bill planned

By Our Political Correspondent

A second Bill to legalize Sunday sport and allow betting on Sundays is to be introduced in Parliament next week only days before similar controversial proposals are examined by a committee in the House of Lords.

The further attempt to change the law is to be made in the House of Commons by Mr Nicholas Soames who will introduce the legislation after drawing number seven in the ballot for private members' Bills. The Bill is similar to one introduced in the House of Lords by Lord Wyatt, the chairman of the Tote.

But Mr Soames has taken into consideration objections raised during the second reading of Lord Wyatt's Bill in the House of Lords so that betting shops will only be opne on those Sundays on which horse racing takes place.

He said: "At a time when people are seeking increased leisure opportunities the status quo of the law on Sunday sporting events is not only ridiculous but also indefensible. Millions of British people either go to, or watch on television, Sunday sporting events which are being held in open defiance of the spirit of the 1780 Sunday Observance Act."

The law was a mockery and discriminatory while being out of step with present day reality, said Mr Soames. He added that the Wimbledon Men's tennis final, the Littlewoods Cup final, one-day Sunday cricket league matches and the British Grand Prix were all held on a Sunday with some sports circumventing the law by selling tickets in advance or having one free gate which no one could find.

His Bill has all-party support and officials at the Home office have told him they are prepared to advise him about drafting. Home Office ministers will be prepared to give general support to the Bill as long as there are changes in the betting law to allow all betting shops to be open rather than just those on course and that the Sunday Observance Act, 1780, is repealed.

However, the Bill is likely to face fierce opposition in the Commons from Conservative backbench MPs against changes in the traditional Sunday. The strength of opposition to such changes was shown when the last attempt to alter the Sunday trading laws was defeated in 1986 by a revolt on the Government back benches.

Labour pressure on the Speaker

The Speaker came under sustained pressure from Labour MPs during points of order over his decision to suspend the Palace of Westminster security pass of a research assistant employed by Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab).

Mr Corbyn said that his assistant, Mr Ronan Bennett, had been cleared — in 1975 and 1978 — of charges against him. None was outstanding. Yet, now his employment prospects were seriously jeopardized. He did not know who had made accusations about his security status, nor what they were. It was a negation of democracy.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) angered Labour MPs when he referred to the death at the House of Mr Airey Neave and other incidents there. But he added later that he was not making any allegations against anyone.

The House could legitimately resolve the matter through debate.



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Whitehall to spend £10m each year on business courses

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government is to promote entrepreneurial skills by granting up to £10 million a year to colleges and universities that offer graduate business training courses known as "enterprise plans".

As part of a national programme to bring industry and higher education closer together, the enterprise plans will give graduates a finishing course in business sense, and are likely to be seized upon by universities and colleges that have complained of severe cuts in their funding.

The Manpower Services Commission (soon to be renamed the Training Commission) will provide funding for each higher education institution of up to £1 million, depending on the scale of that institution's enterprise plan. Funding will be spread over five years with contributions added from private industry and commerce.

A discussion paper by the MSC suggested that up to 100 universities and higher education colleges could eventually be interested in developing an enterprise plan. The funding would come from the commission's £3,000 million budget, provided there was a supporting commitment from industry and commerce.

The aim is to give graduates key management skills with project-based work in the real economy. Assessment will be made jointly by employers and the education institution.

The first enterprise plans are expected to be launched next year.

The MSC paper acknowledged that some institutions had already developed many close links with industry, not just with the larger organizations but also with small and medium-size firms, but none of the initiatives was comprehensive.

They all operated in isolation and students were often left ill-equipped for the world of work.

The new scheme will be a national programme, drawing all the individual initiatives together, allowing institutions to learn from each other.

The commission's document rejected the notion that enterprise skills and aptitudes were acquired through a series of "bolt-on" modules to courses. "Enterprising graduates emerge from an enterprising system of education. From this belief stems the expectation that institutions will need to concentrate more on staff development than on devising new items of curriculum", the MSC declared.

Earlier this month, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, wrote to Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the MSC, saying he would welcome an early start for the programme — although the Government could not offer extra funds for it.

Ice-cream farmer fights for his herd



A farmer who made award winning ice-cream to save his herd of Guernseys when EEC milk quotas were introduced has thousands of allies in his latest campaign. Mr Brian Moore has been ordered to stop selling his 20 flavours by Harrogate council, North Yorkshire, which says he has changed Manor Farm at Weeton into an ice-cream parlour and shop. Mr Moore told a public inquiry yesterday that his herd of 92 cows, each known by name, must be slaughtered unless he can continue to trade. A petition signed by 15,000 ice-cream lovers was produced at the hearing in Harrogate by his solicitor, Mr Peter Wilbraham. Mr Wilbraham said the farmer was forced to make ice-cream to survive. Many other British farmers faced the same problems because of the milk quotas. Mr Moore, he said, would be forced out of business if he could not sell his ice-cream to passers-by who bought two-thirds of his production.

'Cleaver gang had trial run in Dorset'

The managing director of a large DIY chain told the Fordingbridge murder trial yesterday that he and his wife were tied up and robbed in what was allegedly a practice run for the raid on the Cleaver family home in Hampshire.

Mr James Hodkinson, of Poole, Dorset, said three masked men burst into his house carrying a sawn-off shotgun and an eight-inch knife.

He and his wife, Janet, were tied up with string as the raiders rifled pockets and drawers for cash and jewellery.

The three escaped with £42,000 and no one had ever been charged with the crime, he added. Yesterday, one of the three men accused of the Fordingbridge raid, George Daly, said one of his fellow accused, George Stephenson, had taken him and his brother, John Daly, to a property in Poole and had boasted how he had done a successful "tie-up".

George Daly, aged 25, of Deedmore Road, Coventry, said the Poole robbery was to have been the model for the raid on Burgate House, the home of the wealthy Cleaver family in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, in September last year.

In that robbery, four members of the family and a resident nurse were killed. One of the women victims was raped.

George Daly and Mr Stephenson, aged 36, of Elgar Road, Coventry, deny murder, rape and robbery. John Daly, aged 21, also of Deedmore Road, admits rape and robbery but denies murder.

The trial continues today.

'Doctors' duty to seek kidney donors'

By Kerry Gill

Legislation should be introduced in Britain requiring doctors to ask relatives of brain-dead patients to allow the donation of kidneys, Dr Brian Junor, a consultant nephrologist at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, said yesterday.

There was considerable concern over the growing waiting lists for kidneys, he said. In Glasgow alone more than 200 patients were on dialysis awaiting a transplant. The hospital carries out about 70 transplants a year.

The main reason for the shortage of kidney donors, Dr Junor said, was the lack of notification by doctors of people who had become brain-dead and who could be potential donors. Understandably, many doctors forgot to ask relatives about the possibility of retrieving kidneys when ventilators were about to be switched off.

Legislation in the United States had made it mandatory for doctors to ask relatives of brain-dead patients for kidney donations, although approval for such an operation was left to those relatives. Similar legislation should be introduced in Britain. In the US, under the newly-introduced "required request" federal law, doctors were not allowed to switch off ventilators without asking relatives about donations. That legislation, first introduced in California early in 1986, had a marked effect on the number of kidneys made available, Dr Junor said. "We find that when the question is asked of relatives they are quite agreeable."

Grammar school boys beat girls in A levels

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The first national survey of grammar schools in England and Wales, published yesterday, shows that in 1986 their pupils passed an average of 6.5 O levels and 2.5 A levels.

At O level, girls did best in single-sex schools, passing an average of 6.8 subjects. Boys in single-sex schools passed an average of 6.6 subjects. Neither did as well in co-educational schools, where the average number of subjects passed was 5.9.

At A level, boys, with an average of 2.8 passes, did better than girls, with 2.6 passes. In co-educational schools, the average number of passes was 2.5.

About 60 per cent of the boys and 50 per cent of the girls went on to a university or polytechnic.

A total of 112 grammar schools in England and Wales took part in the survey, conducted by the King Edward VI Foundation in Birmingham. Forty-six of the schools admitted boys only, 43 girls only and 23 were co-educational. About one third are voluntary schools.

Each school has an average of 600 pupils, commonly selected at 11-plus by tests, verbal reasoning scores and primary school reports. Most schools are heavily over subscribed.

Legal guide sets out pupils' rights

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

A new guide to children's legal rights advises pupils to invoke the European Convention on Human Rights if a teacher bans CND badges, or if they are not allowed to hold political meetings in school.

The *Education Rights Handbook*, published today by the Children's Legal Centre, an information and advisory group based in London, sets out the ways children can legally turn the tables on their teachers — and parents.

The guide says the law has gradually increased its recognition of children's rights, adding: "It is time the education system reflected that view and gave students positive rights to involvement in decision making".

The book explains how pupils can appeal to the Secretary of State and cites a large number of regulations and Acts of Parliament which pupils can invoke if the classroom fluorescent lights make them feel sick; if they have to eat their sandwiches in the playground or if Muslim girls are banned from wearing trousers.

Children who read the guide carefully will also discover that "there is nothing in education legislation to suggest that homework can be made compulsory" and that the last court case on the issue was in 1884 (the teacher lost).

Other nuisances which pupils are entitled to act upon include teachers who ask searching questions about their family life or who search everyone in the class after a spate of thefts; and schools that do not provide lockers.

"This is not to encourage indiscriminate complaining — people shouldn't complain unless they've got good reason to. But where they have got a good reason, they shouldn't be intimidated or put off because they don't know the correct way to go about it", the guide says.

Education Rights Handbook (20 Compton Terrace, London N1 2UN; £3.50).

Kidnapped dentist 'is still alive'

By John Cooney

The brother-in-law of Mr John O'Grady, a Dublin dentist kidnapped by four armed and masked gunmen, says he has not given up hope of seeing him again.

Mr Paul Darragh, the international show jumper, broke the family's week-long silence to say: "Where there is life there is hope, and I believe John is still alive".

Mr O'Grady, aged 38, was abducted by a gang who had meant instead to kidnap Paul's father, Dr Austin Darragh, the millionaire owner of a multinational experimental drugs centre.

Mr Darragh said his brother-in-law was "a very resilient character, highly intelligent and non-aggressive, who will stand up extremely well to pressure".

There has been no known follow-up by the gang to their initial demand for a £300,000 ransom for Mr O'Grady's release. A week-long search has given Irish police no clues, although they believe he is still in the Dublin area.

Graduate tells of bomb grief

By Stewart Tendler

The Ulster man accused of making IRA bombs told the Central Criminal Court yesterday how, as a boy, he had carried his injured father to an ambulance after an explosion at a public house.

Gilbert McNamee, aged 27, from Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, told the court he had seen the havoc created by bombs at first hand and he could not make them nor have anything to do with them.

Mr McNamee, a physics graduate, has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to cause explosions between 1982 and 1984. He has been accused of making a radio-controlled bomb used to kill four soldiers at Hyde Park in 1982.

"I have nothing to do with bombs, nothing at all.

"I have seen numerous examples of people injured and killed in explosions. It was me and another man who carried my father to an ambulance when he was blown up."

The hearing continues.

Ice island goes adrift

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

An iceberg almost the size of Cyprus has broken away from Antarctica, according to the British Antarctic Survey.

The iceberg, which has come adrift from the Ross ice shelf, is about 99 miles long, 29 miles wide and up to 300 yards thick.

However, it is unlikely to prove a danger to shipping while it slowly melts. Dr Chris Sear, of the Cambridge-based survey, said: "Icebergs like this are so big that people know where they are".

He said that the huge berg, forced off the continent by the pressure of fresh ice behind it, is one of about 13 being watched by scientists.

The size of icebergs makes them of considerable climatic importance. The energy locked up in the huge iceberg, which is estimated to weigh more than 100 thousand million tonnes, is equivalent to the total annual energy output of 30,000 nuclear power stations.

The icebergs reduce the difference in temperature between the poles and the tropics, and alter water levels.



Hospitals obviously work to the very highest standards of efficiency and cleanliness. The same criteria are also applied when it comes to installing heating plant. This has led to the use of coal to heat some 200 hospitals in England and Wales.

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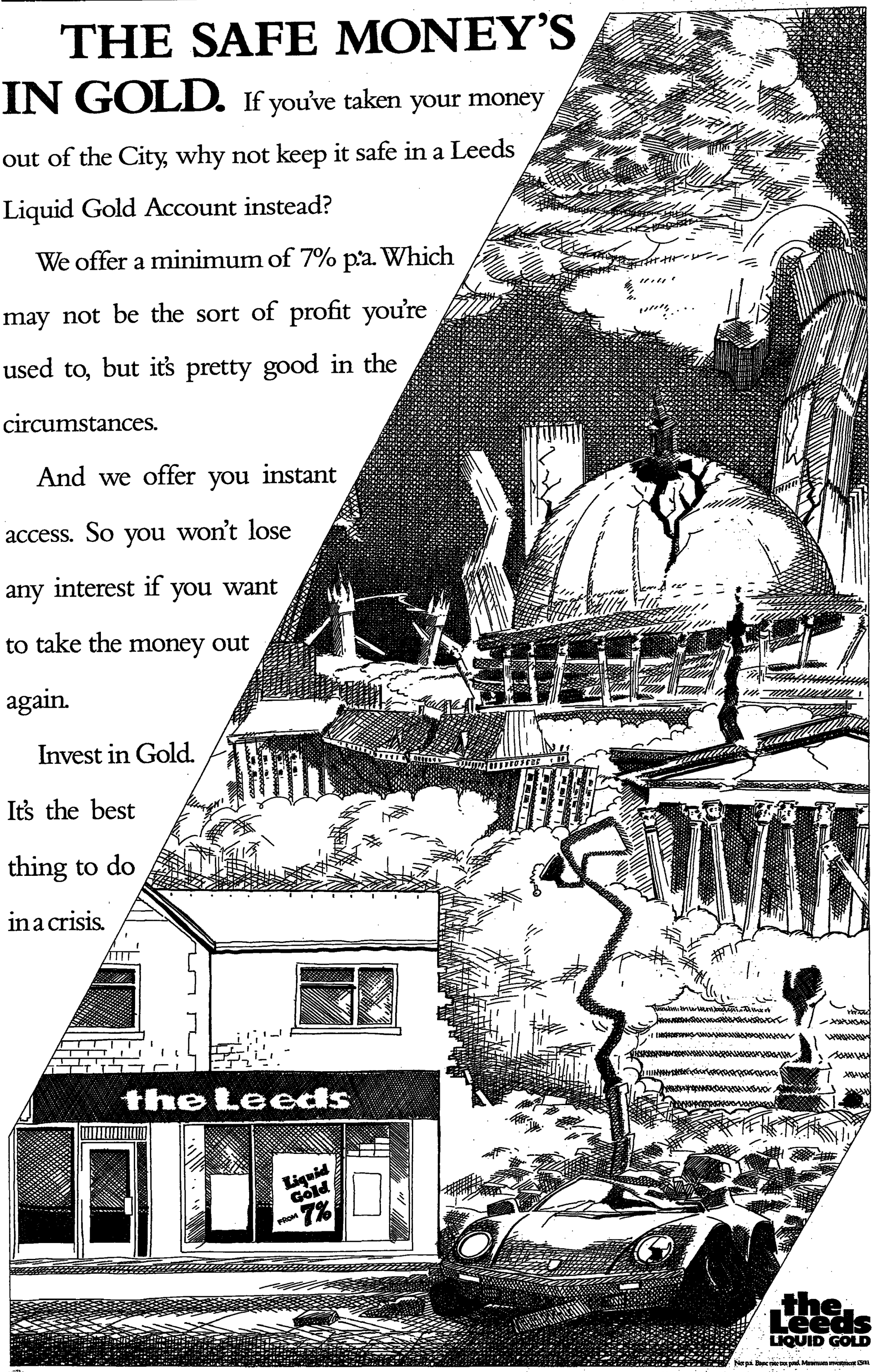
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WORLD SUMMARY

Union rift splits Spain's Socialists

Madrid – In the most serious split in the Spanish Socialist Party since it came to power in 1982, the Secretary-General of the Socialist-led General Labour Union (UGT), Señor Nicolás Redondo, and the union's organizational secretary, Señor Anton Saracibar, renounced their seats in Parliament rather than support government policy on pensions and civil servants' wages (Harry Debelius writes).

The crisis was precipitated by the Government's refusal to accept changes in the national budget proposed by the UGT. The union's leaders were especially annoyed because they claimed the Government negotiated an agreement in the issue with them earlier this month, but then backed out of the arrangement. There seems little chance of the split being healed because the UGT and the Communist-led Workers' Commissions, the country's two most powerful trade unions, immediately joined forces to oppose the Government. They have revealed a joint plan to organize a series of demonstrations to protest against "the Government's anti-social policies".

Broadcast delayed

Managua – A legal technicality has delayed the resumption of news broadcasting on the church-run Radio Católica, which reopened on October 2 after the lifting of a 21-month ban (David Gollob writes).

The radio station was to begin broadcasting a midday news bulletin last Monday. Instead, the news director, Señor Ignacio Briones, told listeners that the station had received a telephone call from an official at the Ministry of the Interior saying that a request for permission to broadcast a bulletin had not been granted.

Señor Briones said he would abide by the ruling to avoid giving the authorities a "pretext" to take action against the station.

Hawke's republic

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, predicted in Dublin yesterday that his country will sever its allegiance to the British Crown and become a republic within his lifetime (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Mr Hawke said on television before leaving Ireland after a four-day official visit: "I believe it is not an urgent social issue, but I believe it will come in my time."

In an address to the Dail, the Irish Parliament, he said that his Government supported the Anglo-Irish agreement. "I assure you that the Australian Government will do all in its power to discourage any Australian citizen from adding in any way to the violence in Northern Ireland."

Spy slander alleged

Warsaw (Reuter) – Four senior Polish academics accused of having links with an alleged US spy went to court here yesterday to charge Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, with slander. The case was adjourned until November to give Mr Urban time to prepare a defence.

Mr Urban alleged at a press conference last April that the four academics had secretly met Mr Albert Mueller, a Second Secretary at the US Embassy who left Poland after the authorities accused him of spying. The academics deny every having met Mr Mueller.

Pilot tells of tragedy

Indianapolis (AP) – Major Bruce Teagarden, the Air Force pilot whose jet fighter crashed into a crowded hotel on Tuesday killing nine people, said he had tried to guide the aircraft towards an empty field, and a witness said he saw the pilot bail out just before the collision.

Major Teagarden was to be questioned yesterday, according to Brigadier General Thomas Hall, of Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nevada, where the plane was heading from Pittsburgh when it hit the seven-storey hotel near Indianapolis Airport.

Visas for Taiwan

Hong Kong (Reuter) – China is to issue special visas without travel restrictions from November 3 to Taiwanese visiting relatives on the Chinese mainland, Mr Ma Zhiwen, managing director of the state-owned China Travel Service, said here yesterday.

Taiwan last week eased a 38-year ban on travel to China by its citizens, but serving soldiers and civil servants will not be allowed to go. More than 20 Taiwanese travel agencies are said to be discussing joint tours and other co-operation with Peking.

Swiss ban on Le Pen

Geneva (Reuter) – The Swiss canton of Geneva has banned M Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the French National Front, from speaking there on November 8. "His invitation by the International Circle of Economic and Political Studies poses a direct threat to public order," a spokesman said.

M Le Pen, a candidate for president next year, caused a controversy last month when he said that the Nazi gas chambers were a "minor point" in the history of World War Two, and a visit to Britain was cancelled after protests from politicians and Jewish groups.

Eye-witness reports rebut claim of Jaffna's fall

Jaffna (Reuter) – Hundreds of heavily-armed Tamil Tiger fighters were still in control of Jaffna on Tuesday morning, despite Indian claims to have captured central parts of the Sri Lankan port city.

Guerrillas carrying automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades walked freely in the city centre to demonstrate their control after a 12-day Indian assault that the rebels said had cost more than 650 lives.

In one of the first independent eye-witness accounts of the fighting in Jaffna, a Sri Lankan correspondent working for Reuter – who could not be named for security reasons – said that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were holding off the Indian troops at the outskirts.

The correspondent entered Jaffna on Monday afternoon and left at dawn on Tuesday accompanied by a Sri Lankan reporter working for another news agency and a BBC reporter.

Delhi said on Monday that its troops, enforcing an Indo-Sri Lankan peace pact, were "mopping up" after seizing central public buildings in the face of stiff opposition.

An External Ministry spokesman said a column of troops from the west had linked up with paratroops from Jaffna Fort and seized the town centre.

The three reporters reached Jaffna after a 17-hour journey which had to be interrupted at times for security reasons as shellfire and heavy-calibre rounds smashed into the reddish-brown scrub around them.

The rebels claimed they held 23 Indian soldiers captive, but they refused to let the reporters see them.

Tens of thousands of civilians had become refugees in their own city. About 50,000 were huddled for safety in and around the large Hindu Nallur temple.

They said Indian artillery shells had fallen continuously in the area, sometimes as close as 50 yards.

"I saw a lot of people with gunshot wounds, including some boys and girls," said a medical student who had sheltered there. She said two people had died of dysentery in the temple.

She said refugees shuttled back and forth to their homes to collect and prepare food, and many had been wounded in crossfire between Indian troops and Tamil guerrillas.

Indian troops launched the assault against the LTTE on October 10 after Tamil guerrillas fighting for an independent homeland repudiated the peace accord and massacred about 200 Sinhalese.

The reporters made a treacherous journey through the jungles of the mainland before taking backroads across the semi-scrub of the northern Jaffna peninsula.

As they advanced, the sound of shelling grew from a murmur into a roar.

Hundreds of people were seen streaming out of the peninsula in buses, lorries, and cars flying white flags.

Many looked tired but anxious to flee the battle zone. Indian soldiers manned checkpoints on main roads leading to the city.

Refugees said both sides had committed atrocities in the bloodiest battle to have errupted in four years of ethnic violence on the island

"Anyone in the world valuing human life should step in and stop the annihilation in Sri Lanka," said the Jaffna Red Cross president, Mr R. Balasubramaniam.

He described the population at Jaffna as being chased from place to place by artillery shells and bursts of heavy machinegun fire from Tamil and Indian positions.

An LTTE leader put guerrilla loses at 51, Indian deaths at 300, and civilian deaths at more than 300.

The Indian High Commission said on Sunday that 107 Indian soldiers and 527 Tigers had been killed.

Neither the High Commission nor the External Affairs Ministry in Delhi have released a casualty toll since then.

Hundreds of buildings bore the scars of bullet and artillery fire.

The reporters were driven around Thinnaveli, Nallur, Kokuvil Pirambadi lane, Jaffna University, Jaffna hospital and the main government areas in the centre of town.

Craters marked a number of buildings, apparently produced by long-range mortar and artillery fire.

The reporters asked to be taken to the battlefront, but the rebels said it would be too dangerous.

An official at the Jaffna hospital said: "There is no electricity, wards are in darkness except two emergency rooms, and there is no water.

"We have blood that can only last three weeks, and quite a number of patients are dying. We are also short of drugs."

He said there were 557 people in the hospital being treated for wounds sustained in the fighting.

Tiger commanders said Indian troops were at least two miles from the city centre.

India offers amnesty to rebels who surrender

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

The Indian authorities yesterday offered an amnesty to any Tamil rebel fighter who laid down his arms and surrendered to them.

Hoping to take advantage of a debate said to have been heard on the rebel radio among the fighters of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam over the possibility of surrender, the Indians made the offer in radio messages, with loud-hailers, and in leaflets dropped over the besieged town of Jaffna from helicopters.

The message urged the Tigers to hand over their arms to the Indians and in return they would be provided with "full security and protection by the peace-keeping force".

The Indian announcement added: "They will also be granted full amnesty in terms of the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement, which would enable them to participate fully in the democratic political process in Sri Lanka and live with honour and dignity in the island."

An Indian official making the announcement in Colombo yesterday added that the decision to offer the amnesty was made after consultation with the Sri Lankan Government.

A senior Sri Lankan official said last night, however, that the amnesty offer could mean only that the Indians had been unable to capture the rebel gunmen.

The official was afraid that the amnesty could have a counter-reaction in the south of the country. "It will affect the Government's standing in the Sinhala areas," he said.

"People will say you are giving an amnesty to the LTTE, when they are still fighting, but you are not giving amnesty to the JVP (the Sinhala extremist group)."

The Indian High Commission, which resumed briefing the press after a two-day gap, said last night that the Indian forces had control of a number of key buildings round the perimeter of the old Dutch fort in the heart of the town.

They listed the town hall, the clock tower, the municipal library, the Ashok Hotel, the Weerasingham Hall and the Regal Cinema.

The official briefing to the press said that there had been forward movement on all approaches to the town, and that the troops who moved in from Navatkuli on the east were close to linking up with troops who broke out of the fort.

If this link was made, the Tigers fighting inland would be cut off from the Jaffna lagoon.

There were reports last night that 14 boats which had been standing by to take the Tiger leadership out of the town had been found and destroyed by the Indians at Gurunagar.

The Indian High Commission also said last night that the Indian forces had now suffered 127 killed since the operation began 12 days ago, 379 had been wounded and 27 were missing.

A Sri Lankan security official said that the Sri Lankan estimate of the Indians' losses were that they have had 175 killed.

The Indians also say that they have killed 607 Tigers, and that this figure is based on an actual body count by the Indian forces.

Yesterday was also marked by the sudden departure for India of the officer commanding the peace forces, Major-General Harkirat Singh, for "consultations to review the situation".

Eggs thrown at Korean candidate





Mr Roh Tae Woo, left, wiping his jacket yesterday after being pelted with eggs by demonstrators, one of whom is seen above, when he attended an election meeting in Kwangju during his campaign to become South Korea's next president.

About 20 relatives of people killed when the army crushed an uprising against martial law in 1980 gathered outside a gymnasium where Mr Roh, a former general, was due to speak (Reuter reports).

As Mr Roh approached, surrounded by security men, the protesters shouted: "Bring back our sons," "Compensate for the Kwangju massacre," and "You're not fit to be president."

The demonstrators were grabbed by plain-clothes police, who kicked and punched them before dragging them away by their hair.

Mr Roh joked about the egg-throwing, calling it "just one spicy episode on the road to democracy". In his speech, Mr Roh, who is President Chun's choice of successor and who played a big part in the 1979 coup that brought the President to power, tackled head-on the still fierce local resentment over the 1980 repression.

"It is my duty to resolve the Kwangju incident. I came here feeling that I am a debtor . . . The next government will share the hopes and pains of the Kwangju people," he said.

Earlier, during a meeting with 50 relatives of the victims at his local party office, Mr Roh pledged that if he won the December election he would have a monument to the dead built in Kwangju.

Peru's banks make a last-ditch stand

From Michael Smith
Lima

The Peruvian Government this week began legal proceedings to take over the administration of five commercial banks as part of its effort to assume control of the national banking system.

Financial officials made preliminary contacts with some of the banks to avoid the confrontations which unsettled the country during the first three take-overs.

Last week President Garcia's Government resorted to a forceful display of police power to demonstrate its resolve to crush opposition to its expropriation efforts. Under the cover of a tear-gas smokescreen, an armoured personnel-carrier broke down an entrance door at the Banco de Crédito, Peru's biggest commercial bank, so that 200 riot police could escort in the government-appointed board of directors.

The bank reopened its doors this week, but there is lingering tension since the Government is expected to move shortly against the remaining eight banks, five finance corporations and 17 insurance companies.

The expropriation law was approved by Congress on September 29 after a heated, month-long debate in the Senate. President Garcia originally announced the move in late July.

The expropriation effort has become a financial no-man's-land in which the Government has tried to impose the forced buying-out of the private financial system while bankers and other investors carry on a kind of legalistic guerrilla warfare with staying orders issued by the courts and immediate campaigns.

The most vocal resistance is being led by the chairman of the Banco Mercantil, Señor Francisco Pardo, who was also president of the Banking Association. With many of his fellow board directors, he has installed mattresses in his bank offices so that he can maintain a vigil against possible attempts to take over the bank at night.

Captain of arms ship faces trial but crew to be freed

From Roger Boyes, Rome

An Irish sea captain arrested on arms smuggling charges will go on trial in Italy next week, but his impounded ship and its 40-man crew should be free to leave within days.

The prosecutor of the northern Italian port of Savona, Signora Tiziana Parenti, told *The Times* yesterday that the captain, Mr John Scallon, aged 48, would continue to be interrogated this week and could be brought to court as early as next Monday. However, after police have completed their search of the vessel, the Fathulkahir – currently surrounded by armed customs officers at Savona's number 33 dock – it could leave, together with its multinational crew and British first officer, Mr Richard Murphy.

The Fathulkahir was impounded last week when Italian police – on the alert for arms shipments to the Gulf – found that there were documents missing for a large container which had been loaded in Liverpool. The container was found to be full of machineguns.

Lawyers representing the ship's owners, the United Arab Shipping Company, have given the missing documentation, including a bill of lading, to Signora Parenti. That appears to have put the ship (and its implicit crew) in the clear.

The 14 tons of small arms – mainly heavy machineguns and spare parts – will stay officially impounded until the inquiry is closed. But the indications are that when the boat is free to leave, the guns can be reloaded and the whole cargo would be allowed to continue its journey to Abu Dhabi.

But Mr Scallon, charged under Decree 855 of a 1967 law, which forbids "the unauthorized introduction of arms on to Italian territory", still has a case to answer, according to sources in the prosecutor's office. First, he should have got permission from the Italian Ministry of the Interior before bringing weapons into Italian waters. Second, he denied having arms on board when questioned.

● **LONDON:** The Royal Ordnance company of Enfield, north London, yesterday confirmed that the 350 Nato machineguns seized from the container ship Fathulkair were made in Britain under licence from the West German armaments manufacturer, Heckler & Koch (Michael Dynes writes).

Hayward drugs case appeal

Prosecution witness accused of lying

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Bertil Filipsson, a heroin addict suffering from Aids, was called as a witness for the defence when Captain Simon Hayward resumed his appeal yesterday against conviction and a five-year jail sentence for smuggling 110 lb of cannabis into Sweden.

Filipsson, aged 35, is serving eight years for possession of heroin in the same jail as Forbes Mitchell, principal witness for the prosecution.

He said Mitchell had changed his testimony after making a pact with the public prosecutor, Mr Ulf Forsberg. He said he heard Mitchell say Captain Hayward did not know anything about the drug.

Filipsson said he had heard a fellow-prisoner say that, in return for his co-operation, Mitchell had been allowed a visit from his girl friend. He also claimed Mitchell had been promised parole after serving half of his sentence.

He said another prisoner who had also made contact with Captain Hayward's lawyers had been frightened off.

Replying to Filipsson's allegations, Mitchell said: "The only deals I have discussed with the police are hash deals."

He was sentenced earlier this year to seven years for drug smuggling and admits that he planned to sell the cannabis found in the Jaguar car driven by Captain Hayward to Sweden from the Spanish island of Ibiza.

Captain Hayward's appeal had been adjourned for two weeks to allow an investigation to be made into allegations by the defence that Mitchell had made a deal with the police before giving evidence that he believed Captain Hayward knew that the cannabis was in the Jaguar.

Captain Hayward has consistently maintained that he did not know the drugs were in the car when he agreed to drive it to Sweden for his brother, Christopher.

Under cross-examination, Mitchell claimed that Mrs Hazel Hayward, the Captain's mother, had visited a bar in San Juan on Ibiza, passing around statements made by him during Captain Hayward's trial.

"She was trying to convince everyone it was all my fault regardless of the fact that Simon and I were arrested simultaneously and that Christopher's name was given to the police by Simon in the second week of his arrest."

He said his girl friend, Prita, and her son had also been harassed by "some men employed by Mrs Hayward who go under the ambiguous name of private detectives".

Mitchell said he had been involved in six runs of cannabis from Ibiza to Sweden, all organized by Christopher Hayward. Christopher planned a new run this year and Mitchell said the courier used previously was becoming too well known at the border and Christopher said he would find a new recruit.

"Two days later I met Chris in San Juan and he said he had found a courier. I asked who and he said it was his brother, Simon."

Mitchell denied suggestions by the defence that an Irishman known only as "Dook" might have been behind the drug-running operation. "He has nothing to do with this business," he said.

The case continues today.

Ethiopian famine is forecast

By Paul Vallely

There will be another big famine next year in Ethiopia, but emergency provision in the British aid budget will be inadequate, according to the aid agency Oxfam.

Reports reaching the agency show that two million people are destitute and that large-scale migrations of hungry peasant farmers – which characterized the 1984-85 famine – have begun again, according to Mr Tony Vaux, Oxfam's emergencies officer.

Preparations are being made for the arrival in Sudan of 100,000 Ethiopian refugees from the northern regions of Tigre and Wollo.

The extra aid money which the British Government will be asked to provide will prove too much for an aid budget heavily stretched by demands from Bangladesh and Mozambique.

Mr Vaux was speaking at the launch of an Oxfam "white paper" calling for significant shifts of emphasis in British aid. The paper's recommendations include an overall increase in aid, which has reached a record low point at only 0.84 per cent of public expenditure, compared with 1.1 per cent during the first year of Mrs Thatcher's administration.

The report calls for the creation of a separate budget for emergencies which the Government should top up as the need arises. There were already signs that, only halfway through the financial year, aid budgets were running out, according to Mr Vaux.

Britain also needed urgently to reconsider its refusal to give development aid to Cambodia.

Outsiders eager to glimpse China's political mysteries

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

When the 13th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party opens on Sunday, nearly 200 foreign journalists are expected to be in the audience. Many will be from the West, but there will also be sizeable contingents from Hong Kong and – in contrast to the days of the Sino-Soviet chill – from Eastern Europe.

The large foreign presence is a measure of the interest being taken in the congress by the world beyond China, a world which the Chinese have periodically shut out. For the congress, however, which is only the second to be held since the end of the last such closed period, the Cultural Revolution, China is welcoming the outside interest.

China may partly see it as a reflection of the changes that have taken place in the past decade, but partly it presents an opportunity for the authorities to redress some of the adverse publicity caused by the recent unrest in Tibet.

A special congress press centre starts operating today in the vicinity of the Great Hall of the People, where the congress will be held, and the Chinese are promising that delegates will be available for interview. The first and last sessions, mainly ceremonial, will be open to correspondents for the first time.

Foreigners from East and West alike may be fascinated by the spectacle of China's political process gradually opening up, at least in so far as the Chinese are coming to understand the importance of presentation.

Outsiders will also be watching the expected changes in the top ranks of the party for clues about China's future political direction. Four out of the five members of the party standing committee, a sort of Cabinet to the Politburo, are expected to leave office in the course of the congress, including Mr Deng Xiaoping.

Their fascination, however, does not appear to be shared by ordinary Chinese, whose interest in next week's proceedings is, according to most accounts, negligible. Even an official public opinion survey released yesterday, which purported to show rising political interest and contentment among students at Peking's leading institutions of higher education – Peking and Qinghua Universities – was greeted as an attempt to dispel a widespread view that, whatever happens at the congress, little will change.

To some extent, this view has been fostered in recent weeks by the confident way in which leading Chinese politicians and the press here have been speaking about the economic and political reform programme. They are taking it for granted that the greater freedom allowed to individual enterprise in the past two years will be allowed to continue because the benefits are so obvious to most people.

As living standards for most have improved and scope for self-betterment has widened – not much, but enough to be noticed – the ability of the Communist Party to command every aspect of life appears to have declined.

Whether it is that the party, because of all its twists and turns of policy in the past 38 years of power, has lost credibility, or whether it is that memories of the heroic Long March are fading.

Earlier this year the party leadership called a halt to the "rectification" campaign launched three years before to root out "leftist" elements in the party – a euphemism for those who looked back nostalgically to the years of Mao Tse-tung and were unenthusiastic about economic reform. At the same time, a new campaign to root out over-enthusiasm for Western ideas – coded as "bourgeois liberalism" – fizzled out after two months.

The problem in both cases appeared to be less the waging of two opposing campaigns simultaneously than the marked reluctance of people nowadays to be drawn into political campaigns.

Similarly, expulsion from the party is no longer the disgrace it used to be. It no longer means ostracism. What Chinese interest there is in the congress focuses on promised reforms in the political structure and on how far the party will be prepared to discipline its own corrupt element on the one hand and reduce the party's pervasive presence in Chinese life on the other.

Biko film a reminder of black resistance roots

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Ten years ago this month the South African Government, then led by John Vorster, banned 17 political organizations, most of them associated with the "black consciousness" political philosophy, and arrested scores of their activists.

A month before this crackdown, Steve Biko, the founding father of black consciousness and one of the most charismatic figures in the history of black resistance to white rule, had been bludgeoned to death in a police cell.

Biko's name is in the news again with the release of Sir Richard Attenborough's film, *Cry Freedom*, which purports to be based on Biko's relationship with Mr Donald Woods, a liberal white South African newspaper editor now living in exile in Britain.

Whatever else may be said of the film, it is a reminder that the outlawed African National Congress was not always the dominant influence in the black liberation movement it now appears to be and that black politics are often more complex than outsiders appreciate.

When word of Sir Richard's project first got out, it caused anger in black consciousness circles here. The Azanian People's Organization (Azapo), the direct descendant of Biko's banned Black People's Convention, threatened legal action against the film.

But Mr Peter Jones, a Coloured Cape Town lawyer and Azapo representative, held discussions with the British film-maker in September and reached what an Azapo press release later described as "a mutually acceptable agreement".

According to Azapo, Sir Richard agreed to delete "contentious lines or words" attributed to Biko, and accepted that the film was not an "authoritative interpretation" of Biko's views or those of his organization. He also agreed to make financial provision for Biko's children.

Biko coined the slogan "black man, you are on your own" to summarize the black consciousness philosophy. He argued that black self-esteem was the beginning of liberation and that blacks only perpetuated their subservience if they looked to white liberals, however sympathetic, for support.

Black consciousness, and not the ANC, supplied the main ideological impetus behind the 1976 uprising of black schoolchildren in Soweto, which was triggered initially by anger over the compulsory use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction but later became a much wider-based revolt.

In the wave of repression which ensued many young blacks fled abroad. Most joined the ANC, which had concentrated since being banned in 1961 on establishing a well-supported organization in exile. Many of these recruits were trained as guerrillas and sent back to South Africa on sabotage missions.

A few joined the Pan Africanist Congress, which broke from the ANC in 1959, partly over the issue of the Marxist influence of whites and Indians in that body. Seen by some as foreshadowing black consciousness, the PAC has never achieved the same international recognition as the ANC.

Within South Africa, the post-1976 crushing of black consciousness groups created an opening for the re-emergence of pro-ANC forces. While serving prison terms on Robben Island, a number of leading black consciousness activists fell under the spell of the personality of Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed ANC leader.

When they emerged from jail in the early 1980s, they joined many former ANC members and sympathizers in helping to establish the multiracial United Democratic Front, the loose alliance of anti-apartheid organizations which articulated the grievances behind the turmoil in black townships in 1985 and 1986.

Suppression of the UDF under the state of emergency in force since June 1986 has left a gap which black consciousness groups might have been expected to fill, reversing what happened after 1976, but so far this does not seem to have happened on any scale.

All the evidence still points to the ANC and UDF as having by far the largest mass support. Although the PAC has a shadowy armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, nearly all bombings and other attacks seem to be the work of insurgents of the ANC's *Umkhonto we Sizwe* (Spear of the Nation).

Azapo, which has its own student and trade union wings, has given black consciousness a hard socialist cutting edge which it did not have in Biko's day. Its present president, Mr Nkosi Molala, jailed for sabotage between 1976 and 1983, argues that capitalism is as much the enemy as apartheid.

Even if all apartheid laws are abolished, "only an infinitesimal number of blacks will be able to enjoy the fruits of capitalism", Mr Molala contends. The ANC and UDF, embracing political views ranging from hardline communism to middle-class social democracy, is accused by Azapo of being muddle-headed.

While Azapo and black consciousness may represent very much a minority viewpoint, their existence none the less adds to the divisions within the black community, allowing the authorities in Pretoria to practise their "divide and rule" skills.

Earlier this year, for example, government agents were suspected of fuelling sometimes murderous feuding between UDF and Azapo supporters in the townships by circulating forged leaflets which urged UDF militants to kill their black consciousness rivals.

Life in jail for mayor's killers

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — An Israeli military court in the occupied West Bank sentenced two Palestinian guerrillas to life in prison yesterday for the murder last year of the Mayor of Nablus, Mr Zafer al-Masri.

Muayed Samad, aged 25, and Ahmed Abu Saud, aged 31, were convicted of murdering al-Masri on the steps of the Nablus town hall on March 2, 1986, only three months after he took office.

They were also found guilty of killing two Israelis and attempting five other murders, including an attack last May aimed at another Palestinian mayor, Mr Abdallah Lahlouh of Jenin.

Six on trial for swindle

Belgrade (AP) — Six officials of the Agrokomerc food company went on trial at Velika Kladusa, the Bosnian town where the firm has its headquarters, for their part in Yugoslavia's biggest postwar financial scandal.

They are charged with signing 3,500 uncovered promissory notes worth £141 million during a period of seven months last year.

Up and down

Kathmandu (Reuter) — Two Australians, Michael Groom and Robert John Impey, have succeeded in scaling Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain, but heavy snow has forced a British team to call off its attempt on the 21,323 ft Mount Tawoche.

Student strike

Vienna (Reuter) — A strike by Austria's 170,000 university and college students entered its second day yesterday with Viennese professors expressing sympathy for their protest against government policy on further education.

First visit

Bonn (Reuter) — The West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, will be the first Western foreign minister to pay an official visit to Communist Albania when he holds talks there this week.

Religion in Soviet Union

Increased tolerance shown by defence of persecuted priest

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A leading Soviet weekly yesterday took the highly unusual step of defending a young Russian Orthodox priest against persecution and harassment by Communist Party authorities in the Ukraine, where he runs a parish church.

Western and Soviet sources said that it was the first time they could recall such an outspoken defence of religious freedoms appearing in the mainstream Moscow press. It followed a recent call by religious dissidents for the repeal of Stalinist laws restricting religious activity in the Soviet Union.

Literaturnaya Gazeta outlined in detail the "dirty tricks" campaign mounted against Father Nikolai Sakidon by the local Communist paper, *Zhovtnevi Zori* (October's Dawns), and by party officials, who feared that his efficient management of the parish church in the Kharkov region was increasing the number of religious believers.

The article told how leaders of the Communist Youth League, the local militia, representatives of the regional council, and other officials mounted Sunday roadblocks outside his church in an effort to prevent worshippers attending the services.

Father Nikolai claimed that the campaign had amounted to a military-style operation. "The officials occupied key positions on the approach routes to the church to prevent citizens who came to baptize their children from doing it," he said. "They were photographed, their papers were checked, their workplaces and car registration numbers were all noted down."

The paper alleged that the barrage of atheistic propaganda grew more vicious when local party officials discovered that the priest had succeeded in raising his church's annual income by 18,000 roubles (£18,000), and had excommunicated the church headman "who enjoyed the favour of the regional executive committee".

It quoted derisively from articles in the local party paper which falsely accused the priest, aged 33, of using gifts of sugar and other products given to the church to brew home-made vodka and to feed farm animals (which he did not possess).

The hate campaign against Father Nikolai also involved the passing of a Communist Party edict, preventing children from the neighbouring district coming to his church for baptism, and an anonymous article charging that he had secretly baptised the author's baby against his will while he was out of the house, "in violation of the law against religious cults".

Literaturnaya Gazeta heaped lavish praise on the priest, a doctor of theology who had trained at the religious academy in Zagorsk, and quoted a number of senior figures who also praised his work and defended him strongly against the Communist Party slurs.

Mr N. Kolensknik, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs in the Ukraine, attacked the local party paper for trying to depict religious believers as inferior citizens. "All this contradicts the party decrees on atheistic propaganda," he said. "Lenin's principles were not to allow any insult to the religious feelings of the believers."

The article's appearance was seen as a hint that a more tolerant approach to the Russian Orthodox Church might be expected as part of the Gorbachov reforms.

Faith shattered, page 10

Cheery Mrs Reagan signals recovery



Mrs Nancy Reagan, with President Reagan at her side, waving to reporters from a window of the Bethesda Naval Medical Centre, in Maryland, where she underwent breast cancer surgery on Saturday. The First Lady called out that she felt fine.

Russian Church in Unesco talks

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

The Soviet Union's *glasnost* policy was amply demonstrated in Paris yesterday by the unprecedented presence in the Soviet delegation to Unesco's general conference of Metropolitan Yuvenaly, one of the five top officials in the Russian Orthodox Church.

One of the main reasons for his attendance is the Soviet wish that Unesco should celebrate Christianity's 1,000 years in Russia next year.

In another exceptional move, the Soviet delegation broke with tradition in not supporting a Third World candidate during last week's battle to find a new director-general.

During the five voting rounds it never once voted for the present director-general, Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal, and in the last round voted for the official nominee, Professor Federico Mayor Zaragoza, of Spain.

Mr Anatoly Adamishin, a Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister and head of the Soviet delegation, said yesterday that it would continue to support Señor Mayor and would not suggest an alternative candidate. "Our approach is consistent, unlike some other countries," he said.

The final decision on a new director-general rests with the general conference.

Describing his visit to Paris as very important for him and of great significance, the Metropolitan replied with a smile when asked if the Pope would be invited to next year's celebrations, saying that a guest list had not yet been drawn up. "However," he added, "we are moving in that direction."

Greek dust helped to defeat Hitler

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Dust turned the tide of the Second World War by delaying the capture of Crete by Hitler's crack paratroops and forcing him to postpone his attack on Russia.

Details of the incident emerged this week at a conference organized by the Society for the Study of Greek History attended by Royal Air Force, Luftwaffe and Greek Air Force veterans.

Retired Lieutenant-Colonel Josef Neuhaus, a Luftwaffe fighter pilot aged 24 during the German thrust against Yugoslavia and Greece in 1941, said that 500 Ju 52 transport planes taking the parachutists to Crete from improvised airfields in southern Greece could not take off in rapid sequence because of the dust.

"The clouds of dust whipped up by the first take-offs blinded the other pilots, with the result that by the time the transports reached their destination, our fighters and bombers providing the air cover had to dash back to refuel," he said.

Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, who took part in the battle of Crete, said the loss of the island had caused much bitterness.

"It has been argued that if we had more airfields and five Hurricane squadrons, Crete could have been held," he told the conference.

French gems scandal

Minister under fire in press

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

New allegations about the conduct of the French Minister of Justice, M Albin Chalandon, in the entangled affair of the family heirlooms he entrusted to a Parisian jewellery firm, may yet confront the Chirac Government with a full-blown political scandal before next spring's presidential election.

Undeterred by an earlier libel writ from M Chalandon, the newspaper *Le Monde* has renewed its investigation of the minister's dealings with the Chaumet brothers, Jacques and Pierre, who were arrested last June following the £200 million collapse of their business.

According to *Le Monde*, a report by the independent administrator appointed after the fall of the House of Chaumet was tampered with by senior Justice Ministry officials seeking to protect M Chalandon. A key sentence rejecting the newspaper's previous allegations against the minister is said to have been written into the final public version without the administrator's knowledge.

Since the article appeared on Tuesday, M Chalandon has again denied any wrongdoing in connection with the Chaumets. Yesterday morning, the adminstrator issued a statement assuming full responsibility for the wording of his report.

At the heart of the matter for M Chalandon are the diamonds inherited by his wife, the Princess Salomé Murat. Like many others in French high society who needed some hard cash, she asked the Chaumets to sell them on her behalf (it so happens that her niece is married to the son of one of the brothers).

The substantial proceeds were left in the hands of the Chaumets, who sent M Chalandon a sizeable sum every month. But it was only after some damaging press leaks in the wake of the firm's spectacular collapse last year that the minister finally acknowledged he had indeed kept an account with the Chaumets. It is less clear at present whether he was also receiving payments of interest, which in certain circumstances could be illegal under French law.

By any standards, it is embarrassing for the Government's chief legal officer to find himself so intimately involved in a matter coming directly under his own jurisdiction.

One Socialist MP argued yesterday that M Chalandon, simultaneously creditor and guardian of public interest, could not be possibly be independent in such circumstances, and there are persistent reports that the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, is becoming concerned about the drift of the affair.

The Prime Minister's sensitivity to any potential scandal involving diamonds is entirely understandable as he contemplates a bid for the presidency.

Nobody in French politics has forgotten how M Giscard d'Estaing's campaign for re-election in 1981 was severely undermined by revelations that he had accepted a gift of just such gems from Bokassa, the former leader of the Central African Empire.

For his part, the combative M Chalandon appears to be ready for a fight to the finish. This campaign to blacken his name is, he maintains, being controlled by political opponents throwing mud at the conservative camp in the run-up to the presidential poll.

Just so, many of the French would say, but the central question posed by *Le Monde* remains unanswered: When will M Chalandon finally decide what is to be his role in *l'affaire* Chaumet — victim, potential witness or Minister of Justice?

Moscow joins Britain in fight against drugs

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

British and Soviet officials have reached agreement to co-operate in the fight against drugs, the Foreign Office announced yesterday. It is believed to be the first time Moscow has made such an agreement with a Western nation.

A memorandum of understanding is to be signed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and his Soviet opposite number, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze. Sir Geoffrey is expected to visit Moscow soon, at a date which is still to be set.

The agreement stems from a visit to Moscow earlier this year by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey. In July a team of Foreign Office and Home Office experts met Soviet counterparts to discuss ways of co-operating, and last week Mr Jim Posten, head of the Narcotics Aids and Drugs Department at the Foreign Office, went to Moscow to settle the final details.

Exchanges of information are expected to assist British police in stemming the flow of drugs reaching the UK from Afghanistan and Pakistan. There has been evidence of drug traffickers using low-cost Soviet flights from Kabul to Moscow before going on to London-bound flights.

The agreement underlines the far closer co-operation between Whitehall and Moscow on a wide range of issues.

In the latest of a series of high-level exchanges, Mr Yuly Vorontsov, First Deputy Foreign Minister, held talks with Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, on Tuesday. They discussed United Nations efforts to secure observance of UN Resolution 598, which seeks a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

Mr Mellor pressed Mr Vorontsov on the need to enforce the resolution by adopting a Security Council arms embargo against either party if it failed to respect the ceasefire. Mr Vorontsov replied that Moscow was not against an embargo, but felt that it would impede the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar.

Sikh defiance in India

250 held in raid at temple

Amritsar (AP) — Police raided the complex around the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, yesterday and arrested 250 people in an effort to block a *sarbat khalsa*, or general convention of Sikhs, called by militant separatists for today. A curfew was clamped on the city.

Meanwhile in Delhi, a police alert was declared after suspected Sikh extremists killed 11 civilians.

Police and troops entered the complex surrounding the Golden Temple here early yesterday and searched guest quarters and offices, a police spokesman said. Police and troops did not enter the temple itself, he said.

Past raids on the temple have enraged members of the Sikh community. In June, 1984, the army seized control of the shrine, leaving 1,200 people dead, most of whom were Sikhs. The former Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, who ordered the June raid, was assassinated in October of that year by Sikh bodyguards.

Police have carried out several searches recently around the temple in an attempt to round up Sikh militants fighting for a separate nation in Punjab.

A Sikh religious spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said most of those arrested yesterday were pilgrims visiting the shrine. Police said women and children were among those seized and would probably be released soon.

A militant Sikh spokesman, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said the *sarbat khalsa* would be held today despite the police action.

The militants have said they want the meeting to approve a so-called Khalistan Council that would rule their separate nation. Khalistan means "land of the pure" in Punjabi.

Earlier this week, police arrested the three Sikh high priests who called for the convention.

Yesterday's curfew in Amritsar was lifted temporarily in the afternoon to allow people to go shopping.

In Delhi, extra police were deployed to control angry residents who gathered in middle-class neighborhoods where most of the 11 people shot by suspected Sikhs died, police said.

Police shot and killed one of the attackers and were searching for two others. The gunmen opened fire with automatic rifles in at least three neighbourhoods, with one attack aimed at a party held in advance of the Hindu holiday of Diwali, the festival of lights, which takes place today.

● DELHI: With tension in Amritsar running high and the police on full alert, Sikhs were likely to condemn the curfew because of it hindering normal religious celebrations associated with today's Diwali (Kuldip Nayar writes).

Thousands of devotees from rural areas will pack the Golden Temple today. The militants who backed the *sarbat khalsa* had the large number of visitors in view while fixing the date and the venue.

Arizonans disown blundering governor

From Charles Bremner, Phoenix

Arizona's Republican Party fathers have washed their hands of Governor Evan Mecham, a man who thinks that President Reagan is running a "socialist superstate" and that President Eisenhower was a left-winger. He has managed to infuriate just about everyone, except the eccentric far right, since he was elected last November.

With a succession of gaffes and blunders dubbed by his critics "Marx Brothers government", Mr Mecham has so fired opposition to his rule of the recently flourishing Sun Belt state that more than a third of a million citizens have signed a petition demanding his recall. Only one other governor in American history has been sacked from the job — in North Dakota in 1921.

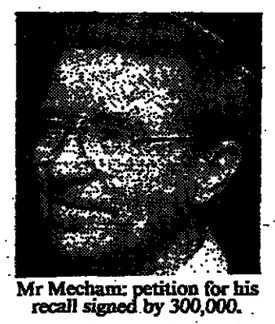
Under a law in force in Arizona and 15 other states, the anti-Mecham lobby had to collect at least 216,000 voters' signatures by November 3 to start the recall machinery. Once the signatures are validated, a new election must be held. By this week, more than 300,000 had signed the statement saying that they considered Mr Mecham, a former Pontiac car dealer and devout Mormon, incompetent, an embarrassment to Arizona and a disaster for its economy.

The last straw for Mr Mecham came when Mr Barry Goldwater, the former senator and the state's reigning Republican patriarch, called two weeks ago for his resignation. Senator Goldwater abandoned the outspoken Governor after his latest gaffe — a letter appealing to supporters for funds.

In his letter, Mr Mecham — pronounced Meekum — invited his conservative friends to move to Arizona and help him avoid "being crushed by the millions of dollars the militant liberals and the homosexual lobby plan to spend against me".

The Governor now denies he sent the 25,000 letters, although they went out on his stationery and his own press spokesman said he signed the original.

Calling his critics homosexuals has proved one of the Governor's favourite tactics since he ran into troubled days after his election, when he cancelled the state's observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, thereby bringing down on his head the wrath of the black and civil rights community.



Mr Mecham: petition for his recall signed by 300,000.

He has also earned national ridicule by defending the use of the word "piccaninny" for black children. "I never heard the word piccaninny being used except as a title of endearment until this furore came along," he said recently.

Nine hundred newspapers across the country last month published a five-day series of Doonesbury cartoons lampooning the Governor's eccentricities. Among his other dubious actions, he has ruled that teachers have no right to teach pupils that the Earth is not flat; appointed a man under investigation for murder to head the state alcohol agency, and named an ex-convict as a state investigator. One of his plans is to send the state's National Guard for two-week tours of Central America.

Not everyone is opposed to the bantam-sized Governor. His supporters are driving around Phoenix with bumper stickers saying "Give 'em 'ell, Ev". Critics are sporting ones that say "Mecham for ex-governor".

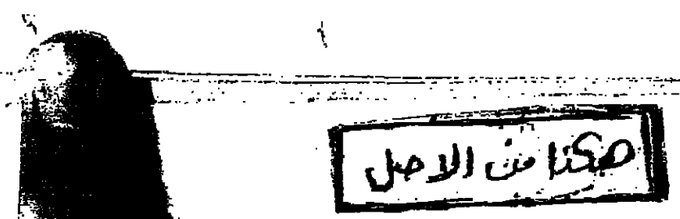
Mr Karl Eller, a wealthy local businessman, said Mr Mecham brings "a breath of fresh air" by speaking his mind. Local Democrats also like Mr Mecham. "We don't have to Mecham-bash," said Mr Glenn Davis, director of the state's Democratic Party. "He's doing that all by himself."

But most local businessmen, usually Republican supporters, have abandoned Mr Mecham because his behaviour is believed to have driven millions of dollars worth of business away from the state.

Senior Republicans formed a committee to advise Mr Mecham and try to limit the damage. They now favour his resignation. Mr Goldwater said Mr Mecham is "a little hard-headed and won't listen" and adds that he joined the committee "to keep my life's work from going down the drain".

But not everyone is in favour of a recall. The state's main newspaper, *The Republic*, is calling Mr Mecham incompetent and "preoccupied with imagined media plots and trivialities", but it said in a recent editorial that a recall election would divide the state and confirm the idea that Arizona is a "frontier anarchy".

However, Mr Gary Smith, president of the recall campaign, said: "I have no doubt it's going to happen. We have far in excess of the signatures we need."



SPECTRUM

Tough, coldly determined, the US Treasury Secretary was at the heart of the stock market collapse. But did he cause it, or repair it?

The buck stops here

THE TIMES PROFILE

JAMES BAKER

Less than 24 hours after Wall Street's dramatic crash, James Addison Baker III was flying back to Washington aboard Concorde, having suddenly found himself at the centre of an unusual storm. The US Treasury Secretary, the brightest star of President Reagan's second term, was under verbal siege; his public comments suggesting that the dollar should drop against the Deutschmark as a means of protesting against West Germany's higher interest rates were regarded as one of the fuses which ignited Wall Street's spectacular, 508-point fall.

Congressional critics blamed him for undermining confidence in the commitment of the powerful Group of Seven nations, which include Britain, to control erratic exchange rates. Investment analysts said that Baker's latest round of "German-bashing" had convinced markets that the G-7 Accord on exchange rates had fallen apart and that the dollar would go into a freefall.

It appeared to be an uncharacteristic blot on a nearly-spotless public record, but was it? Only the day before, on Wall Street's Black Monday, Baker had made a surprise visit to Frankfurt on a damage-control mission to shore up the G-7 "Louvre accord" and the two sides had reaffirmed their co-operation.

Baker's supporters said that although he had paid a high price for his public statements, this was in fact another, disguised, Baker success, in that it gave him what he wanted — German intervention in the markets. "This was not a negative, it was a leadership initiative," said a US official.

The very force of Baker's personality earns him the benefit of the doubt. He is at once courtly, tough, coldly determined and public-minded. "He is a Machiavellian politician without the sinister side," said a former Republican colleague.

Baker's task — and his status — in the wake of the Wall Street collapse was summarized by Frederick Khedouri, an investment banker and former Treasury Department official: "Baker must make sure that the Administration has a very clearly articulated set of policies under its control. That has been lost. Baker is the only one who can get us back to that."

The fear expressed by international investors — that the US is ceding its global power to the Japanese by failing to face the hard policy options — played a strong role in the market's plunge. But Baker's reputation encourages high expectations that he can lead the way back.

It is a tall order, and Baker set about meeting it as soon as he returned from Germany, closeting himself with the President and others for an emergency White House session. Reagan emerged with a statement designed to calm the world, saying that he and his top advisers were managing the crisis "through constant contact" with other financial leaders and world stock exchanges.

He reiterated his strong commitment to the Louvre accord and he supported a domestic policy embracing lower interest rates. He also made a political gesture that was vintage Baker, holding out the first olive branch to an embattled Congress on the budget deficit: Reagan would listen to any proposals, including revenue-raising proposals, that Congress advanced to reduce the $170 billion deficit. He would attend an "economic summit", if necessary, to demonstrate to the world that the US was serious in its resolve to maintain global leadership.

> James Baker is Ronald Reagan's last and best hope

Only Baker could have orchestrated such a policy, convincing a reluctant President to sit down with Democrats he had accused of blatant protectionism and of thwarting his economic goals. "He is Ronald Reagan's last, best hope," said an admiring Senate veteran.

This is the sort of talk Baker can appreciate. At 56, and despite a patrician background, he often lapses into the language of the Texas oil patch which shaped his career.

"It's a done deal," is a favourite Baker political response. He is described by his Texas colleagues as a man who "talks turkey but is not a turkey" — a reference to his pastime of stalking big gobblers with a rifle on trips to his home to Houston. But Baker is no gunslinger. He is a Houston millionaire, a fourth-generation lawyer from a family which planted banking and commerce roots in the south-west and prospered with its growth. "He is Houston old money, not Dallas nouveau riche," said a member of Washington's powerful Texas Mafia.

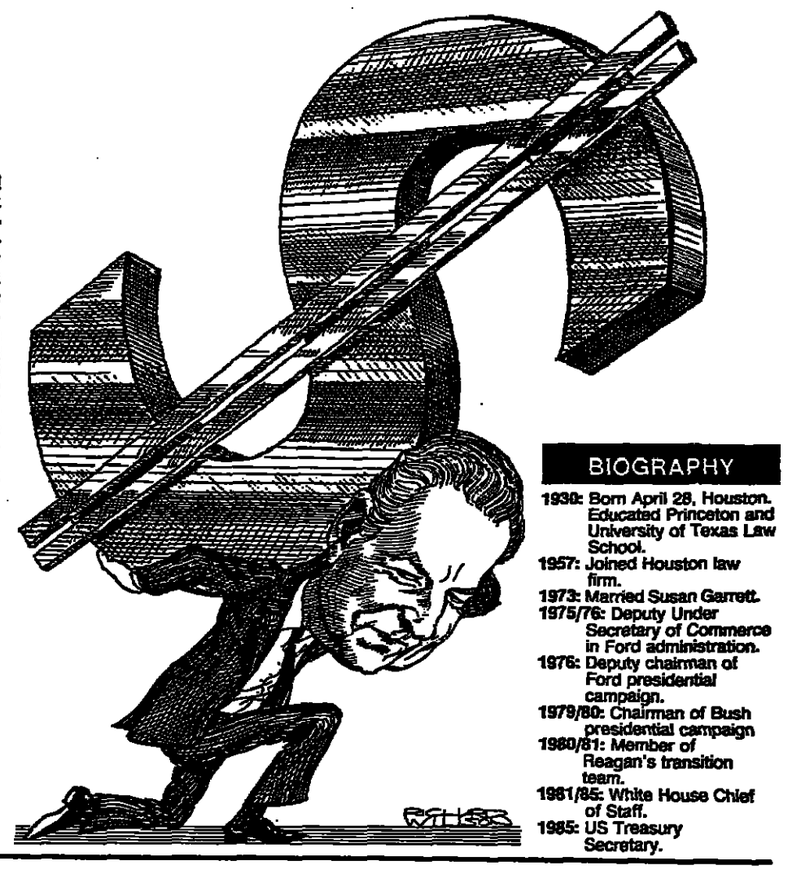
Despite his predilection for cowboy boots in the office and an occasional chaw of Red Man tobacco, he has the polish of a man educated in the east at the Hill School, New Jersey, and Princeton University. One of his best friends is Vice-President George Bush, a transplanted Texan who persuaded Baker to enter politics in 1970. Raised as a Democrat, Baker switched parties to become chairman of Bush's unsuccessful campaign for the Senate in 1970. He also managed Bush's presidential campaign in 1980 and it is widely rumoured that he will soon leave the Treasury to manage Bush's campaign next year. "I got religion from George Bush," he has said.

In the turbulent world of US politics, Baker excels. When he became Treasury Secretary in January, 1985, veteran observers, citing his lack of economic experience, predicted that his power would wane. But Baker quickly reversed the laissez-faire policies of Donald Regan, his predecessor, who had often proclaimed that "deficits don't matter". In short order, he launched the "Plaza accord" to devalue the dollar and the "Baker plan" to manage the Third World debt crisis. He reintroduced the concept of global economic management by restoring the power of the Group of Five nations (later G-7). Against all odds, he successfully steered through Congress a massive tax reform programme.

He also patched up differences with Paul Volcker, then chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, whom he met regularly for breakfast. Alienated by Regan's abrasive manner, Volcker had barely spoken to the Treasury. But after Baker's appointment, the two officials became a formidable team, preaching the gospel of growth-oriented policies to a reluctant Third World. "Baker saw the need for change. The administration has now joined the world," said a former Treasury official. "He is the most activist Treasury Secretary since Richard Nixon devalued the dollar in 1971," said Senator Robert Dole.

Now, in the waning days of the Reagan Presidency, Baker must accomplish a miracle, convincing the world that the US is taking an active approach to reducing its trade and budget deficits. Seated behind a desk baring Harry Truman's motto, "The buck stops here", he makes it clear that he will not shirk the task.

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- 1979/80: Chairman of Bush presidential campaign
- 1980/81: Member of Reagan's transition team.
- 1981/85: White House Chief of Staff.
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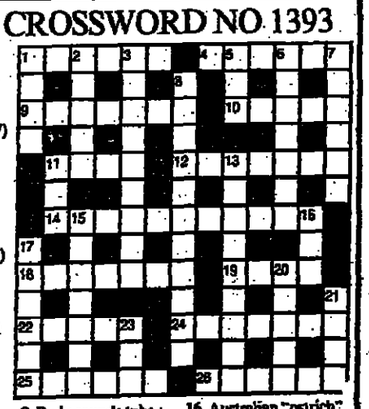
The storm that took southern England by surprise last Friday highlights the problems facing weather forecasters in getting adequate data for their computer models. The shortage of observations over the oceans can only be met partially by using weather satellites. While orbiting satellites can make temperature measurements throughout the atmosphere, they can cover a given area only once every 12 hours. Geostationary satellites sitting much higher over the equator can obtain images every half-hour, but until now have told us little about the atmosphere's structure. Improved infra-red imaging systems on the US geostationary satellites, however, are now beginning to be used on an experimental basis to measure temperatures at different levels of the atmosphere and to provide advance warning of severe storms. ***W.J. Burroughs***

CONSERVATION



In the Saltanate of Oman one of the world's rarest animals, the "half goat" or Arabian tahr (*Hemitragus jayakari*), is reported to be increasing in numbers by about 6 per cent a year. In 1948 the explorer Wilfred Thesiger was the first westerner to see this diminutive relative of the Ibex, with horns the shape of a moon in its second quarter. Ten years ago conservation measures were implemented. Poacher-turned-gamekeeper bedu representatives of the local mountain tribes now patrol the fearful 2,000-metre high cliffs, where in summer the rocks are too hot to hold and water is available only for a few weeks after rain. Another species, the delicate Arabian gazelle, which lives at the mountain base, has shown a faster increase under the same regime and with the help of a little restocking from captive bred animals. ***Paul Manton***

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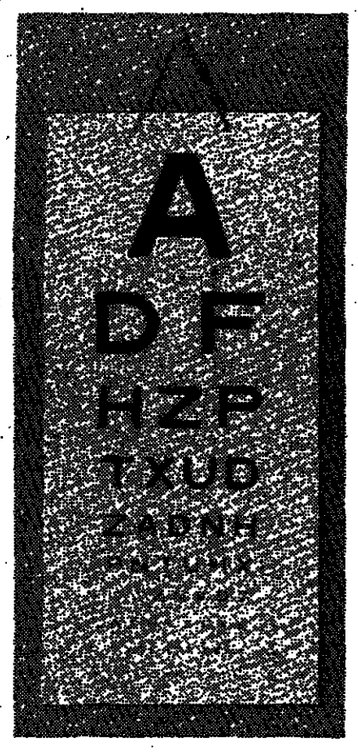
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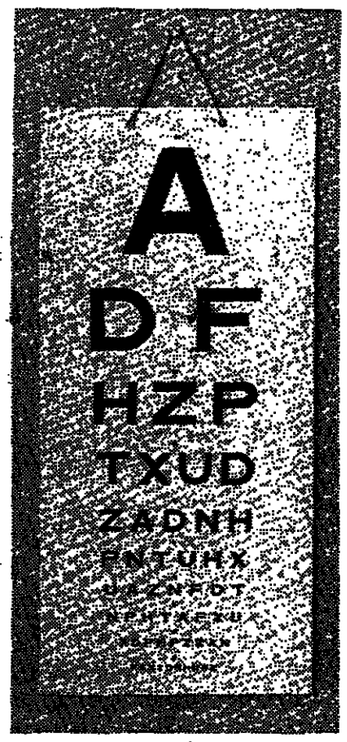
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Heathrow transfer

Even before Lord Young's aircraft arrives from China on Monday, Norman Tebbit will, I learn, have left for the United States. Conservative Central Office staff believe the speedy entrance and exit, reminiscent of a slicker sort of Whitehall farce, could give Mrs Thatcher an opportunity to effect the long-awaited transfer of party chairmanship. Tebbit, the outgoing chairman, is undertaking a speaking tour in America for the party. His relations with his almost certain successor have not improved since their election nadir and he is unlikely to wish to be around at Young's installation. The PM, meanwhile, is tired of the squabbling that has accompanied the transfer and believes it is now better that the deed were done quickly. By coincidence, during her Concorde flight from America on Tuesday, her needs were attended to by the chief steward — another David Young.

Missing link

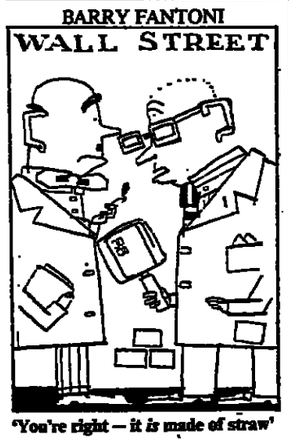
Though the Tory gurus of direct mail, Michael Dobbs and Sir Christopher Lawson, have left, Central Office has begun sending a new batch of begging letters. Personalized letters from Norman Tebbit to supporters, shareholders and businesses ask for contributions to raise £400,000 for a new Constituency Tactical Support Unit, "Contact" for short, designed to divert "technical support and skilled personnel" to "Labour's last remaining strongholds". Clearly Mrs Thatcher meant it when she said on election night that next time she wanted the inner cities too. But the mailshot is already missing its targets. Flexilink, the umbrella outfit representing anti-Chunnel interests such as Sealink and the Dover Harbour Board, received its letter yesterday. Flexilink is so at odds with the government over its Channel Tunnel Act that this year it was refused exhibition space at the Tory conference. Nonetheless Tebbit's letter began: "As you have expressed support for our aims in the past. . . "

● ***International Who's Who***, **the at-a-glance guide to the famous and infamous, has been having problems with Ayatollah Khomeini, according to its editor Richard Fitzwilliams. The Iranian leader declined to return the form requesting his biographical details. But Fitzwilliams can still hope. Chinese leaders, after holding out for a decade, succumbed to his appeals this year. All he is waiting for now is Idi Amin.**

Spiked

The yellow rose of Texas may be symbolic to some but not to the literal-minded US Customs. Tomorrow's BCal travellers to the Lone Star state were each due to receive a red (for England) and a yellow (for Texas) rose to commemorate the airline's 10th anniversary of flights between Houston and Britain. But the American authorities, which prohibit the import of livestock, fruit and produce, would not relent on the cut flowers. The blooms, which were already boxed for distribution, have been replaced with silk ones. At least they will last the flight.

BARRY FANTONI



'You're right — it *is* made of straw'

Three fellas

The 150 Irish electricians who arrive in Britain this morning to help repair Kent's fallen electricity pylons were intended, according to my Dublin source, to be part of an intricate trade-off over the Anglo-Irish Agreement. They were sent as a quid pro quo for Britain submitting to the republic's call for three judges, rather than just one, to preside over the non-jury Diplock courts in Northern Ireland. The issue proved to be the stumbling block at yesterday's talks in Stormont. Perhaps Kent should have gone for perfect symmetry and asked for tree fellers instead.

Dead heat

It's a dog's life in the jumpy world of President Reagan's security staff. Two hapless canines were consorting near a runway at Topaka airport, Kansas, as the presidential aircraft was due to touch down. Bemused security officers, under orders to shoot anything that moved if it threatened Reagan's safety, at first tried to part them. All efforts failed, so the pair of Australian Shepherds were unceremoniously shot. Since then the assassin has received death threats to himself, his family and, worse, his own dog.

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Wall Street: the crisis is far from past

by Stephen Marris

There is no mystery about what happened on Wall Street. The mystery is rather why the Dow Jones index rose by over 100 per cent in the two years to last August, at a time when the United States was running massive and unsustainable budget deficits and trade deficits.

For the last several years the US has been living beyond its means, spending more than it has been earning to the tune of £1,200 a year per household. What happened on Wall Street is part of the mechanism whereby, in the absence of drastic action to reduce the budget deficit, the "magic of the market" is going to force American private spending back down into line with income. And unfortunately this process is likely to lead to a recession in America that will spread out through the world economy.

Of course, for so long as foreigners were prepared to lend vast sums to the United States there was no problem. But it was foolish to think this could go on indefinitely. Once the dollar began to go down foreigners were exposed to massive exchange-rate losses. Thus the net flow of *private* capital into the United States, which had been running at over $100 billion in 1986, fell to zero in the early months of this year. This set in motion the first corrective mechanism, a rise in US interest rates, and a drop of over 25 per cent in the bond market. This happened despite massive intervention by the world's central banks to support the dollar. Indeed, during this period they were simply printing money to finance the whole of the US trade deficit and, directly or indirectly, more than 80 per cent of the budget deficit.

At first the world's financial markets failed to grasp the full implications of the fact that we have moved, de facto, back into a world of fixed (but hopefully adjustable) exchange rates. Once confidence in the dollar recovered in mid-May, high US interest rates began to look attractive again, and started pulling up Japanese and German rates. At the same time the Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan started trying to mop up the money they had printed to defend the dollar, thus validating the rise in interest rates in the eyes of the markets. So by mid-summer the gap between US interest rates had narrowed quite sharply, and it only took some bad monthly trade figures to set off a new run on the dollar.

By early October three things were becoming apparent. First, the whole level of world interest rates was being ratcheted up. Second, the central banks were trying to defend the dollar at a level that was unsustainable over the longer run. Third, massive intervention to support the dollar at that level could not continue indefinitely because of its potential inflationary consequences.

While the world's bond markets have been in a slump since the beginning of the year, however, the bull markets in equities continued, especially on Wall Street, in Tokyo and in London. Clearly both markets could not be right, because the gap between the yield on bonds and equities rose quite out of line with historical norms. What happened last week was that the world's equity markets realized that they were wrong and the bond markets were right. The result was a massive portfolio shift.

This explains one of the oddities of events over the past few days. The trigger for the slide was clearly the bad US August trade figures and the hint by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, that the dollar should go down. But the dollar has been surprisingly stable. This suggests that once the slide gathered momentum the main driving force was a shift out of equities in *all* markets, rather than a shift out of the American market.

What happens next? Quite possibly equity prices will stabilize for a while at a lower and more realistic level, and to that extent the world will be a safer place. But supposing that the equity markets calm down, the basic problem will soon re-emerge. Who is going to be prepared to lend the United States the $10-15 billion a month which is going to be needed to finance its trade deficit? So once the shock waves settle, the markets are going to start worrying again about next month's trade figures, and we are likely to see renewed downward pressure on the dollar and upward pressure on US interest rates.



James Baker: can he convince President Reagan that only a big cut in the budget deficit can restore order to the markets?

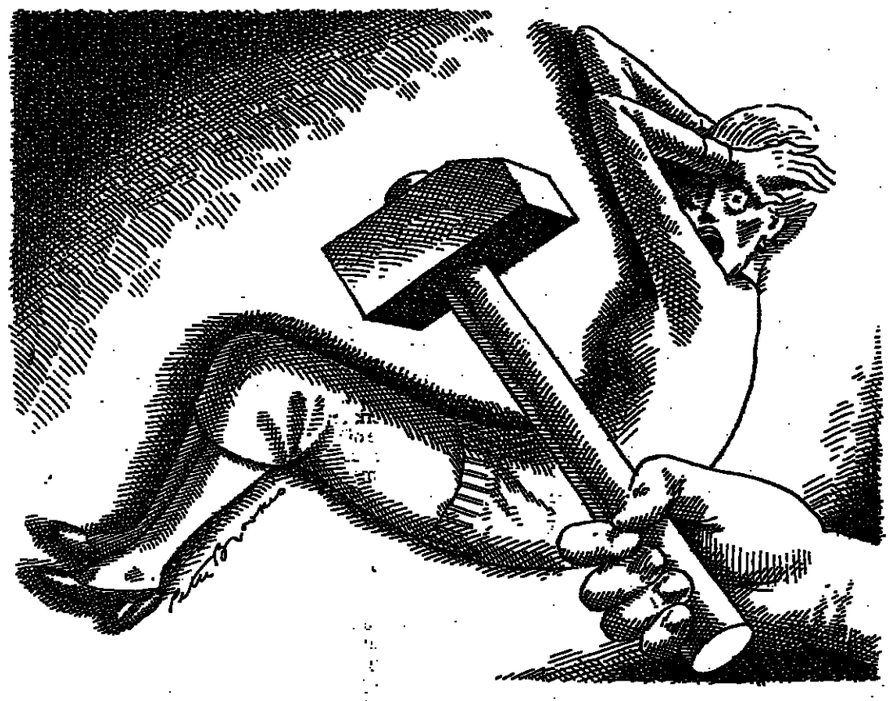
True, the drop on Wall Street will act as a second corrective mechanism cutting back private spending. Americans have suffered a one trillion dollar capital loss since August, and it would be surprising if they do not start saving more and spending less. The cost of equity capital has risen, and the recent pick-up in investment demand may fade. Painfully, investment will start coming down in line with the inadequate level of domestic savings.

There is of course a much better way of doing this — by cutting the budget deficit. If the United States is to stop borrowing from abroad for a while, as it should, the budget deficit needs to be cut by at least $100 billion over the next two years. Unfortunately, as Britain learned to its cost, there is a great deal of difference between the confidence-building impact of action to cut an excessive budget deficit *before* the markets lose confidence, and the impact of the same measures after the markets have begun to "speak".

So on Black Monday the starting gate went up in a race between economic reality and political immobility. More or less everybody in Washington knows what has to be done, except the President. How long it takes to get him to face up to reality will largely determine the future course of events: whether we see only a relatively moderate slowdown in the US economy next year, followed by a strong recovery, or rather a further loss of confidence in the world's financial markets, and a sharp recession spreading out through the world economy. In the end economic reality will prevail, but time is now extremely short.

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A shattering of faith



Mary Dejevsky, recently in Moscow, illustrates the limits on glasnost with the story of a Communist Party stalwart beaten and imprisoned in a psychiatric hospital for doing her duty

Zinaida Petrovna Kutyavina is a typical daughter of the Soviet provinces. Just over 50, stocky and overdressed, with a peroxide blonde beehive, she has a warmth and directness uncharacteristic of the big city, and an innocent faith in Lenin and the eventual victory of good over evil. She is typical, except in one respect: she has fallen foul of the system which formed her.

Since 1984 she has seen a side of Soviet life she had never before even imagined. She has been physically assaulted, forcibly detained in mental hospitals, drugged and disgraced. All, apparently, at the instigation of the Soviet authorities, the authorities she had unquestioningly supported as an award-winning member of the Communist Party.

Until four years ago Kutyavina's career had been, in Soviet terms, exemplary. Born in the city of Stalingrad (now Volgograd) in 1935, at the beginning of Stalin's purges, she grew up in a world circumscribed by the local Communist Party bureaucracy and the war. Her vocabulary, even today, is peppered with the terminology of those years: the orthodox "in Lenin's style", meaning as things should be done; the derogatory *gestapovski* to mean the opposite — cruel and arbitrary.

Zinaida Petrovna went on from school to higher education and spent 18 years teaching Russian language and literature at a school in what was by now Volgograd. A member of the Communist Party, she was singled out for full-time party work. Her testimonial describes her as a responsible party worker whose authority was respected. She was chosen as a group leader on tourist visits to Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, her only visits abroad, and in 1982 she was appointed headmistress of a premier middle school, No 70, in Volgograd.

She became headmistress in July, and at once uncovered a network of corruption in which her predecessor, V.A. Malginova, had been deeply implicated. According to Kutyavina, the school — which had received awards for excellence, and to which leading officials sent their children — was a source of unofficial income for half the Communist Party and local government establishment of Volgograd.

Bribes were taken to admit particular children; the heads of more than 40 local firms were supplying products in short supply to the school in return for favours; these were either kept by staff members in the corruption ring or sold on the black market for a vast profit. The previous headmistress had put friends and relatives on the payroll as ancillary staff.

Kutyavina estimated that up to one million roubles had been expropriated, ostensibly for the upkeep of the school. She documented the misappropriation of kitchen equipment, food and consumer goods, several private cars, and a country cottage with land attached. Partly out of moral outrage, partly to protect herself, she made the embezzlement known to the local authorities.

In principle, late 1982-early 1983 was a good time to appeal against such abuses. Yurri Andropov had just taken over in Moscow and launched a campaign against corruption which cost many officials their jobs and their freedom. But the campaign did not get through to Volgograd, 600 miles from Moscow. Kutyavina came up against the might of the school board and the local Communist Party. After a campaign of harassment, anonymous letters and telephoned threats, they prevailed.

In May 1984 she was dismissed for incompetence after a general inspection of the school and expelled from the party. The formal notification of dismissal accused her of not being able to keep discipline, tolerating an unsatisfactorily high level of truancy and harbouring too many juvenile delinquents. She objected in vain that these problems had begun in the time of her predecessor and one year in the job was insufficient for her to rectify them. She pleaded, correctly, that discipline was the responsibility of the senior teachers; but the dismissal stood, and Zinaida Petrovna — now unemployed and listed for transfer to a more junior post elsewhere in the Volgograd education system — began a crusade to clear her name.

Supported by her husband, Alexander Filippovich Kutyavin, a major in the Red Army of 28 years standing who had just retired to the reserve, she petitioned all the regional authorities, party, government and judicial, complaining that she had been victimized for revealing the corruption scandal at school No 70. She also objected that her predecessor had evaded prosecution. (She was actually readmitted to the Communist Party last year after a brief period of disgrace.) Aleksandr Filippovich meanwhile, in the course of his work in the reserve, had stumbled on another aspect of the Volgograd corruption racket: nepotism and bribery in the allocation of apartments. He and his wife started to make common cause.

In November 1985, having exhausted all local instances, they travelled to Moscow to petition the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, as is the right of every aggrieved Soviet citizen who has not received satisfaction elsewhere. But their hopes of justice faded when they saw that the deputy head of the reception department was a certain V.I. Zabaznov, a former party official in Volgograd and a member of the very network they were trying to expose.

After being kept waiting for five hours, they were finally shown into a small office where they were received not by a member of the Presidium but by six thugs who set on them, beat them, tied their wrists and bundled them into a car which took them to Moscow's Gannushkin psychiatric hospital. There they were forcibly injected and sedated. Zinaida Petrovna spent the next five days in semi-sleep; she experienced convulsions and her veins bulged in a way which frightened her.

After 10 days in hospital and the intervention of their daughter (who had flown in especially from Tashkent), they were discharged late in the evening, taken to the railway station and put on the train back to Volgograd. They were warned that any complaints would make them liable for committal to a mental hospital for a minimum of 12 months.

Having taken their cause thus far, however, the Kutyavins were fearless. They visited several paying hospitals in the Russian Federation and had examinations which declared them fully fit and sane. They marshalled witnesses, including several who had heard the struggle in the reception office of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow and who offered help. A number of those witnesses have been subsequently harassed; their flats have been searched and they have been detained on other pretexts.

One, Aleksandr Mironov, who was at the Supreme Soviet to petition for reinstatement as a trade union official after exposing corruption in his home town of Kazan, was committed to Kazan psychiatric hospital in August 1986. He was found dead six days later, after falling — or, according to his mother, being pushed — from a third storey window.

Mironov, now his memory, has been added to the list of those for whom the Kutyavins are campaigning. At the end of last year they bought a typewriter and carbon paper, taught themselves to type and wrote petitions, to local officials, to national officials, to members of the central committee and the politburo, to the World Health Organization, the World Psychiatric Association, the International Court at The Hague and — after her visit to Moscow — to Mrs Thatcher.

They lodged private suits against the doctors at the Gannushkin hospital in Moscow for misdiagnosis and maltreatment and against corrupt party officials in Volgograd for abuse of power. They sent accounts of their experiences, and those of other psychiatric patients, to national newspapers, and visited the offices in person to present their case.

In the newly proclaimed age of *glasnost*, when Gorbachov was launching his own campaign against corruption in party and government departments, they hoped someone would break the protected circle and allow their case to be aired. Their hopes were fuelled further by isolated articles about psychiatric abuse — the first of their kind — which appeared in the Soviet press this spring. A journalist on the government paper *Izvestia* expressed interest in their case, but was then overruled by his editor.

On a visit to Moscow this summer, Zinaida Petrovna and her husband took the risk of looking up and approaching western correspondents. Foreign publicity, they argued, had helped scores of dissidents and Jews; perhaps it would help them too. In any case, they felt, their position could not be worse than it already was. Their own system, a system they had believed in for most of their lives, had failed them. The smallest vestige of faith remained: if only, they said, Lenin's legacy had not been betrayed. If only Mikhail Sergeyevich (Gorbachov) could somehow revive it.

The Kutyavins are important for two reasons. As provincials and former Communist Party members they represent a group of people who are not accustomed to lobbying or talking to westerners. They are not metropolitan intellectuals with doubts about their government, but first and second generation communists who see themselves forced into a confrontation with the authorities. Second, they have not yet received either recognition or recompense. *Glasnost* and the struggle against corruption in high places has either not yet reached them, or it has passed them by.

Ronald Butt

Disdain versus manners

It is a sensible rule of thumb for columnists not to take issue with other columnists' arguments. If I seem to break it now, this is appearance rather than reality. I am taking issue here not with an argument but with an act of social behaviour, which is a much greater breach of convention than for me to discuss another column.

On Monday Mr Bernard Levin chose to reproduce a verse of unmitigated obscenity to illustrate an argument. A poet, Mr Tony Harrison, who is well known as poets go these days, and is rightly well regarded for some of his work, including translations for the National Theatre, has written some verses called *v.* (for versus). Having read the whole work I have an opinion about how far it constitutes poetry, but I am not offering literary criticism and will only say that I do not think anyone could construe the two verses reproduced by Mr Levin as poetry, if poetry has anything to do with heightened awareness.

The first was of harmless banality, describing the "versuses" of contemporary life in doggerel of a kind that might be written by a politically-minded youth who had well absorbed the sociological platitudes of the age about conflict, including the unending violence of "us" and "them" personified by "Coal Board MacGregor and the NUM." The second was simply concentrated obscenity. The verses were inspired by Mr Harrison's resentment on finding the head-stones of the cemetery where his parents are buried desecrated by the obscenities of skinheads using spray cans.

Mr Harrison was deeply outraged and offended. Who would not be? So he wrote his poem (let us call it that), in which he reproduced the filthy and aggressive abuse of speech which passes with skinheads as communication. I repeat: he was offended — so there can be no question of arguing that these are just neutral words and sounds which ought not to offend us or which can be sent to the literary dry cleaners and rehabilitated for daily use, an argument sometimes heard in the Sixties when our literature was liberated from restraints which had not made it noticeably inferior to what has since been written.

Words convey what they are intended to convey and these words are used for verbal violence which is not always disconnected from the urge for physical violence. Mr Harrison, writing out of anger, reproduced with skilful contrivance these brutal utterances with a curious rage that sometimes seems to become something almost like relish. If the purpose of poetry is to enhance understanding then the unrestraint of much of this versified reportage is not poetry. You can read it on walls all over the place. It tells you only what you know already. Still, the minority who buy and read the poem are unlikely to have their language or their spirit corrupted by it. However, it was another matter when it was decided that Mr Harrison should read it on Channel 4 late at night and that it should go into people's homes. It is not fit to be heard there, but, at least Channel 4 is able to give a warning. The real objection to the broadcast is not that the poem will corrupt viewers but that use can be made of its obscenities as a precedent in other programmes just when the BBC and IBA are trying to diminish their output of obscene language and violence. They certainly need to do so. How can parents and teachers convincingly tell the next generation not to do what Mr Harrison objects to if obscenity is authorized by television?

Yet even this is not my main point. Mr Levin feels that this is a substantial poem which should properly be heard on television and if he had explained his case by arguing that alone he would have heard nothing from me. Instead he both produced a verse with a profusion of obscenity out of context and also repeated several times a four-letter word with evident gusto, on the grounds that it should not be censored because some quite respectable people have been known to use it in restricted circumstances. He then denounced as smut-hounds or book-burners anyone who objected to the broadcast and condemned as a "campaign" the opinions of those who took this view as though his own article was not likewise part of a contrary campaign.

Thus, believing that it helped his case, he chose to victimize those who, without being silly, ignorant, or prudish, do not wish to find themselves and their families faced with obscenity on the breakfast table, in what was clearly a gratuitous taboo-breaking exercise. But who is Mr Levin to say that society may not have its taboos or to assume that people have no right to be offended by what he chooses to say because he is saying it? What good reason can there be for giving the quotation out of context in a way which actually makes it harder to justify the poem as a whole. Its only purpose must be to assert that only fools would be offended by what he chooses to write.

Mr Harrison, enraged by the graffiti of the graveyard, wrote his poem in anger and seemed to have been taken over by the words he used. Mr Levin then, without warning, presented his readers with the worst of them, outraging many just as Mr Harrison was outraged in the cemetery. It is the same offence committed against many more — and for what purpose?

Mr Levin does not seem to be arguing that this vocabulary can be cleansed of its accumulated dirt and violence. Indeed, the burden of his argument on one level is that it is offensive. But he also clearly despises anyone he thinks might be shocked and is determined that they should accept his criteria of what is sayable and writable in the context of a newspaper. But there is a difference between being shocked (who now has much shockability left?), and being offended by breaches of good manners. I can see no rational reason why we should take our notion of public good manners from Mr Levin.

***however* . . . Joseph Connolly**

Jingles that jar for ever

Recently, engaged in a live interview for commercial radio, I got rather fed up when the conversation was periodically stopped to make way for a succession of mindless ads and nerve-grating jingles. What *is* it about jingles, I got to wondering, that makes one so passionately pro or anti? And why do the silliest jingles of all jangle on in the mind for decades?

My indoctrination into this world of rapid-fire salesmanship dates from the the introduction of commercial TV in the 1950s. Very mundane products were promoted initially, with the emphasis on cosy little playlets rather than zippy tunes. Thus, almost nightly, we were confronted with housewives who, when not telling Stork from butter, were tearing "Brand X" wrappers from packets of Daz, and swooning on the spot; stubborn Persil Mums, Square Deal Surfers and Omo-philes were further wooed by the promise of plastic flowers in the supermarkets (which I well remember — I raced in demanding a packet of Daff and my free dazodil).

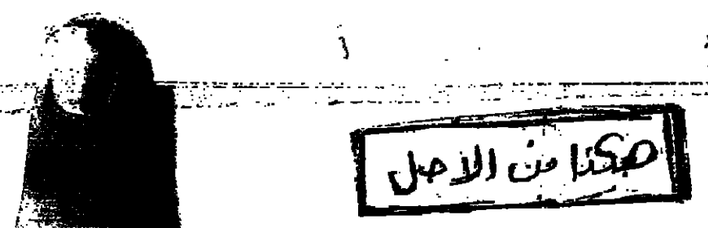
The preoccupation with cleanliness and hygiene extended into the home (Flash-dipped squeezee mops cutting a dash across chequerboard floors) and on up to the human body itself — Vosene, Loxene and Lifebuoy. Only later did the jingle move in, but still advertising fairly downbeat stuff — more cleaning agents ("Wipe it on, Windolene — Wipe it off, Windolene") and smelly two-gallon drums of paraffin, the warring factions being the Pinks ("Daddle-addle-*a*-da — Ring for Pink!") and the Blues: "Boom-Boom-Boom-*Boom* — Esso Blue." Catchy, but not very romantic.

Soon, rather more seductive consumer durables were given the treatment, most being firmly directed at either males or females, but rarely both. During one memorable advert a man was asked what he most wanted from his shirt. You might have thought that adjustable gussets and Velcro fastenings might have come high on the list. Not so: "Clean good looks, spare collar too — it all adds up to a Double 2!" And for the ladies? Well, there was *Palmolive* ("*Milder* than olive oil, *smoother* than olive oil — gentlest soap of *all*") or *fabulous* pink Camay (containing perfumes costing 9 guineas an ounce, much to the delighted bewilderment of everyone asked to fork out only 10½p per tablet). If soap did not wholly satisfy, there were goodies: "Give her *Meltis* — *Meltis* New Berry Fruits: six different flavours, it's *heaven* to choose!" — while never forgetting the blatant truism that "All girls love Dairy Box chocs those luscious, *creamy* milk chocs — oh, those centres in Dairy Box!"

What girls certainly did *not* love, however, were cigarettes — eagerly pushed, in those far-off days, but either by men alone or by men with their Labradors — this despite the trendy jingle for a brand with a somewhat unlikely name: "Today's cigarette is a Bristol! The real cool flavour you'll never forget: Bristol is *today's* cigarette!" Another vogueish come-on was the packaging, and after 30 years I remember the following tongue-twister word for word: "*Player's*, the top of the flip-tops — top of the tops: *flip-top*. With pleaseable Player's (flip-top, now) you can decide, flip or slide — Player's, the top of the flip-tops: pleaseable Player's inside!"

Christmas was the time when the jingle bells *really* rang out — with shorts, such as "Very *cheering*-Cherry *Heering*!" or "I'd *love* a Babycham — the *genuine* champagne perry!" — and more notably with fully-fledged 60-second choraks for such as "Tick-a-Tick-a-Timex" and Hoover's entire range of products — "Bring happi*ness* with Hoover!" (sung, Mammon must have been delighted to hear, to the tune of "Christ the Lord"). And to get Miss December 1958 looking her best for the party? A before and after: "This poor girl had tired hair, *Tired* hair, that spoiled her fun — But who came along and saved the day? Silvikrin *shampoo*! See what Silvikrin can do for *you* — 'Cos Silvikrin put the 'oo' in shampoo!-Oo!"

I shall now put up my Pirelli-slippered feet, light a Manikin, dip into half a pound of Good News, and enjoy a nice cup of Lyons Dividend Tea.



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THE POLITICS OF IT ALL

So, as well as the wise few who sold their shares before last Friday, who benefits? No matter how great a disaster, man-made or natural, someone always benefits. Depending on the nature of the disaster, the beneficiaries can be undertakers, lawyers, makers of burglar alarms — or, in this case, politicians. In the 1988 American presidential election, the beneficiary of the 1987 Wall Street Crash is going to be some politician or other. But who?

It is irritating that it should have to be any of them. American politics is the profession which comes least well out of the events in the stock markets over the last few days. If the crash has any single great cause, it is the failure of President and Congress to cut the United States budget deficit. As events unfold, it increasingly looks as if that was a failure of more than individual politicians.

When the Dow Jones Index plunged by a record 22.6 per cent on Monday, it was not a failure of the American economy, or of the market system. It was a hostile comment on one crucial aspect of the American political system. That is, the inherent reluctance of President and Congress either to raise taxes or cut government spending for fear, either way, of being voted out of office. The same would be true of politicians the world over. But in the United States the reluctance is built into the country's political institutions.

Only the two houses of Congress, however, can raise or cut federal taxes. Normally, the President proposes tax rates to Congress, which — after much ado — passes them. But the Congressional majority — in one house in Mr Reagan's first term, and both houses in his second — was drawn from the Democrats: the traditional party of welfare spending. An elaborate charade ensued between Republican President and Democratic Congressmen. The President signalled to blue collar and conservative voters that he was against public spending in general, except on defence. The Democratic Congressmen signalled to ethnic minority and liberal voters that they were in favour of public spending in general, except on defence.

This was a departure from most historical experience. Historically, it has been rulers who wanted to spend money, and legislatures which denied it them. Mr Reagan was anxious not to raise taxes, the Congress anxious not to cut welfare domestic spending. Whether, left to their own devices, the Democratic Congressmen would have raised taxes to pay for that spending remained unclear. Their 1984 presidential candidate, Mr Mondale, in a rare burst of candour, said he would do so, and it helped bury him in the second Reagan landslide. The party's presidential contenders for 1988 have so far avoided such clarity.

Mr Reagan was able to induce Congress to cut public spending by about 17 per cent, or rather, to cut the rate of increase. But such cuts, and the president's unwillingness to raise taxes, meant that the American Government did not have enough money of its own to finance its many activities. Hence the need to persuade foreigners to lend to it, especially the richest: the Japanese.

Naturally, the foreigners wanted to receive the largest interest possible on these loans, and the Americans wanted to pay the least. Last week, Mr Baker, the US Secretary of the Treasury, said he was prepared to see the dollar lose value rather than put up interest rates. That meant a fall in the value of all dollar-denominated holdings, not just loans to the US Treasury. So the foreigners began to pull their money out of American companies. Then Americans did the same. Mr Baker's remarks were only the last of a series of events which showed that American leadership was failing. Even Mr Reagan's loss of Judge Bork was a factor. Whatever the direct cause, the result was a crisis — but one which, whatever its economic consequences, had political causes.

And the beneficiaries? If the crisis goes on, Senator Dole stands to benefit among Republican presidential contenders rather than Vice-President George Bush or Congressman Jack Kemp, the internationally least-known figure who is so far the only candidate of the Republican Right. Mr Dole is identified with tax increases to solve the budget deficit, Mr Bush with Mr Reagan, and Mr Kemp with tax cuts. But there is no evidence that Mr Dole, as President, would have been any keener on tax increases than Mr Reagan. He would have been relying, for election, on the same voters.

The effect on the Democrats, if the crisis continues, looks like being equally illogical. The crash is thought likely to increase the chances of an old-fashioned Rooseveltian Democrat, even though Roosevelt became identified with deficit financing. Of the declared candidates, Mr Simon, of Illinois, is recognisable as a Rooseveltian — but is unrecognizable to most voters outside Illinois. That means there will be enormous pressure on the undeclared Governor Cuomo, of New York, who is the most popular undeclared candidate among the educated class since Adlai Stevenson in 1952. He lost by a landslide to the Republican. So the illogicalities are endless. But, then, the American political system is not at one of its great hours.

WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS

Whitehall's Permanent Secretaries are playing a little musical chairs. The knights at employment and defence go to defence and the Home Office. The Secretary of the Cabinet soon hands over to a rather similar man from the Treasury. The only audible sound is a faint purring — as if from contented cats.

We are not surprised. It has been clear for a little while that the habits, personnel and structures of the London Civil Service will outlast the Thatcher era, intact. The latest appointments signify business as usual.

Sir Michael Quinlan and Sir Clive Whitmore, the "new" men at Defence and the Home Office, might take that description as something of a compliment. They have been dogged during the past few years by an accusation which civil servants find most uncomfortable: that their appointments were the result more of Mrs Thatcher's initiative than that of the meritocratic machine. Conspiracy theorists glibly put it about that she was recasting the service in her own image, filling top jobs with placemen. Quite the reverse. It would be difficult to argue that today's Permanent Secretaries' club is significantly different from what might have been predicted by a close observer of mandarin form in 1979.

To call these appointments business as usual is not, however, meant as praise. What was always the real charge against Sir Clive Whitmore and the other supposed beneficiaries of prime ministerial favouritism was that they were too much the traditional Whitehall type, part policy adviser, part courtier; that they were not sufficiently different, not educated in the managerial arts, not posessing proven track records in extracting maximum efficiency from huge organizations.

Of course the Thatcher years have seen the civil service shaken. The causes of disturbance have, however, been in many instances trivial — mostly loose talk by ministers that could be read as denigration of public service altogether. The grander symbols of a new approach to central government by Mrs Thatcher, the various efficiency and management initiatives, now appear to have run into the sand.

The once much-vaunted Financial Management Initiative today beats limply against immovable objects (the autonomous Whitehall departments). The Prime Minister's Efficiency Unit has retreated into the woodwork of the Cabinet Office. Sir Robin Ibbs' report, The Next Steps, by all accounts a stimulating extension of the principles on which the Unit's specific studies have been founded, languishes.

The Management and Personnel Office, the locus of Whitehall lore of "value for money" has been dismembered. Its fate is reminder of how conservative Her Majesty's Treasury is. The Treasury has now reproduced the status quo ante... ante 1969, when the Civil Service Department was first created.

The theory till now has been that, after one push from the Prime Minister, such momentum would be created in the departments that management initiatives would become self perpetutating. It is difficult, surveying today's terrain, to believe that is true. The push from the centre needs to be constant. Here is where Sir Kenneth Stowe's management board for the Civil Service — another great plan banished to a dusty shelf — might have supplied the impetus.

Modernization of the machinery of government — its professionalization, and the enhancement of its ability to manage great blocks of men and money — ought to be part of the action for the third term. The issue is not the Prime Minister's determination, but the mechanics by which it is to be brought to bear. It is in that department, thinking about the machine, where she has been so sadly conservative.

MR TAKESHITA TAKES OVER

After a marathon private session earlier this week, Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, an organization renowned for being neither liberal nor democratic, propelled Mr Noboru Takeshita to the helm of the world's second most powerful industrial nation. Though widely anticipated, this has been greeted with foreboding in most Western capitals. Despite Mr Takeshita's formidable grasp of Japanese factional politics, he is regarded, both at home and abroad, as a pale imitation of the man he is about to replace.

He defeated two rivals. Mr Kiichi Miyazawa is a fluent speaker of English and French who advocates expansionist economic policies to warm the heart of any US Treasury Secretary. Mr Shintaro Abe is a former foreign minister, with a keen interest in the world beyond Japan. By contrast, Mr Takeshita recalls the political nondescripts that ruled Japan prior to Mr Nakasone.

A certain *déjà vu* surrounds these misgivings. When Mr Nakasone came to power in 1982, most Western observers dismissed him as yet another introspective conservative. To their astonishment, Mr Nakasone rapidly rose to the task confronting him. In the face of considerable domestic opposition, he began to restructure the Japanese economy, away from exports towards expansion at home.

Mr Nakasone took interest and initiatives in foreign affairs, particularly in the Persian Gulf and in Latin America. He was also primarily responsible for the abrogation of the one per cent GNP ceiling on defence spending. But it is the impact of Mr Nakasone on the office of prime minister itself which is likely to be seen as his single greatest achievement. For this reason Western dismay at the appointment of Mr Takeshita is, to say the least, premature.

Japanese politics have traditionally been conducted within a rigid hierarchy. But it was a hierarchy without an apex. There was no one at the top to make decisions. Mr Nakasone's presidential style, and his willingness to fight for policy and principle — in the face of entrenched bureaucratic interests — has given the office an importance unprecedented in Japanese post-war history. In the process the balance of power has tipped away from mandarins to elected representatives.

This is the legacy that Mr Takeshita will inherit when he takes up his new post. If he fails to carry on where Mr Nakasone left off, he will have lost an historic opportunity to help Japan adjust to its proper role in world affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community work in lieu of prison

From Mr Ieuan Miles and Mr Bill Weston

Sir, In the attempt to reduce the excessive use of imprisonment and to have more offenders dealt with successfully in the community, there is no need to pursue "unpleasantness" for its own sake (report, October 13).

Two things in particular prevent the courts from making further use of community-based measures on a scale that would significantly yet safely reduce imprisonment.

One is our continued inability in the probation service to develop regular liaison arrangements with judges of the kind that have long existed successfully with magistrates' courts. As a result, despite all efforts, judges generally remain unaware of the real nature of the non-custodial measures at their disposal.

With magistrates, on the other hand, there is the opposite problem. Probation officers are continually having to ask them to go slow on the use of probation and community service because they are short of the resources to supervise the numbers of orders courts would like to make without diluting supervision unacceptably.

No such constraint, of course, applies to the courts' use of imprisonment; at 20 times the cost per case, it enables risk to be temporarily forgotten rather than tackled constructively, and although so manifestly ineffective in terms of future criminal behaviour for many offenders, it easily meets most criteria of "unpleasantness".

In community service, the probation service is actually responsible for administering and managing a punitive sentence on behalf of the court. Although the Wootton committee in its original proposals recognised that there were elements of retribution, reparation and even hopefully reformation in community service, the probation service has been clear from the outset that it is a high-tariff sentence requiring rigorous management and clear breach policies.

The service generally has considered community service as an alternative to immediate imprisonment, primarily because it was introduced in the first place in the search for alternatives to custody and accepted by Parliament as such; and next to immediate imprisonment it is the most serious invasion of personal liberty.

Yours faithfully,
IEUAN MILES (Secretary, Central Council of Probation Committees),
BILL WESTON (General Secretary, Association of Chief Officers of Probation), Central Council of Probation Committees,
38 Belgrave Square, SW1.
October 15.

From the Chief Probation Officer for Lincoln

Sir, One wonders if the derogatory comments about community service for offenders, reported on October 13 as emanating from a Home Office minister, was intended as the start of a serious debate about the future of this highly successful sentence of the court.

In this county community service is used by magistrates in 67 per cent of the cases where probation officers have recommended its use. Generally it is ordered in circumstances where the court were considering imprisonment, with 43 per cent of our community-service workers having already served a custodial sentence.

It is not a "soft" sentence; it is a highly effective one, used with considerably less reluctance on the part of magistrates than the unnamed minister suggests.

Yours faithfully,
S. L. MINSHULL,
Chief Probation Officer,
Lincolnshire Probation Service,
17 The Avenue,
Lincoln.
October 16.

Reading of 'v'

From Mr A. B. Ball

Sir, In your issue of today's date (October 19) Mr Bernard Levin criticizes the opponents of the reading on television by Mr Tony Harrison of his latest work, *v.* I have been an admirer of Mr Levin for many years, and support him in most of what he says, but this time he has got it badly wrong.

The point is not one of Mr Harrison's standing as a poet. It is not even that of the excellence or otherwise of the work in question. It is that of the extent to which skill in constructing a work of art and its resulting excellence of form justifies or excuses the use of dubious materials in the making.

Yours faithfully,
A. B. BALL,
15 Eccles Road,
Holt, Norfolk.
October 19.

From Mr Rex Collings

Sir, Some intemperate language has been used to condemn Tony Harrison's poem, *v*, and by association the poet. In the past, taste or acceptability has often been a matter of fashion, of what then was "trendy", and poets have not infrequently had to wait until hugged by death for recognition and understanding.

For some readers Tony Harrison's work may be too sombre, too gloomy to be enjoyed or too bleak to be appreciated; for others, particularly those living in the affluent south or in the comfortable suburbs, too remote to be real. What does distinguish his work is his truthfulness.

It may be this that troubles the consciences of his critics. For his truthfulness is as much an indictment of the society in which we live as Dickens's was of the evils and failings of Victorian society and Victorian values.

It is perhaps proper that I should declare an interest; I am one of Mr Harrison's publishers, but alas, not of *v*. I wish that I had been.

Yours faithfully,
REX COLLINGS, Director,
Rex Collings Limited,
38 King Street, WC2.
October 19.

EEC passport

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir, My British passport states: "Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Requests and requires in the Name of Her Majesty all those whom it may concern to allow the bearer to pass freely and without let or hindrance and to afford the bearer such assistance and protection as may be necessary."

When I receive an EEC passport, will it state that all the foreign ministers of the EEC countries request and require ... so that I can look to any or all of their consuls to assist and protect me outside the EEC?

If not, what is the point of the change to an EEC passport?

Yours faithfully,
A. H. P. HUMPHREY,
14 Ambrose Place,
Worthing, Sussex.
October 15.

Work in Wales

From the Chief Executive of the Welsh Development Agency

Sir, Your Spectrum article, "The many hands making work" (October 13), described the massive agents involved in economic development and inner-city regeneration throughout the UK.

However, the article states that the Welsh Development Agency's main business has been promoting Wales to industrial investors. This actually occupies only some 3 per cent of our resources; our major activities are, in fact, concerned with venture capital, property development and business consultancy.

We are productively engaged in improving the economic prospects for Wales and this can only be achieved by a broad range of programmes and initiatives and not solely by inward investment.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WATERSTONE,
Chief Executive,
Welsh Development Agency,
Pearl House,
Greyfriars Road,
Cardiff.
October 16.

Policy centre's role

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, Ronald Butt's reference (article, October 15) to the role of the Centre for Policy Studies — "a powerhouse of Thatcherite thinking when Thatcherism was a creed fighting to be heard, but that creed is now orthodoxy" — shows misunderstanding of what the centre set out to do.

Mrs Thatcher has always denied that any such creed as Thatcherism exists and would argue that she has simply articulated a public mood to shake off the accretions of the post-war years. Her party gained less than half the vote at the last elections while not all its members at any level accept all the ideas and objectives ascribed to her.

When, on the morrow of the first 1974 election defeat, I proposed the centre's creation to Sir Keith Joseph and helped set it up, the last thing either of us sought was a new orthodoxy. We sought continuous re-thinking of our situation, in the knowledge that ideas inevitably lag behind events. This is a task whose necessity will never diminish.

We did not consider the Conservative Party as the sole or even main target for discourse. What a Conservative government or opposition can do at any given time is determined by many factors besides its own current orthodoxies. They include both the wider climate of opinion and the degree to which ideas harmonize with the beliefs and values which also determine behaviour.

It was thanks to our consideration for the wider context within which ideas and policies operate that the influence of the CPS during the period under discussion was so disproportionate to its resources. We sought to apply unfettered thought to matters great and small, free from party-political considerations. We were sceptical about the idea of general principles and specific application, which was borrowed from the world of physical sciences.

At the most general level, my reading of the human condition is that fresh, independent, incisive thinking is equally necessary at all times. The difficulty — to which Mr Butt does not address himself — is that propinquity to power centres exerts an inhibiting effect on thinking, since all fresh thought comes to be suspected of questioning established policy lines.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED SHERMAN, Chairman,
Policy-Search,
14 Tufton Street,
Westminster, SW1.
October 15.

Librarians' misgivings on records

From the Master of Emmanuel and the University Librarian of Cambridge

Sir, Sir Geoffrey Elton (September 25) and others have made clear their reservations about the British Library's proposals for bringing the bibliographic records of the *British National Bibliography* up to date. What does the "library community" think about them?

The commitment in the British Library's strategic plan to improve access to the records of recent publications was undoubtedly welcome, but then the means by which this was to be achieved were not disclosed. Now that these are known, it is wrong to assume that the support from the library community is still there.

Indeed, the other five copyright deposit librarians have already expressed their misgivings to the British Library and dissatisfaction is by no means confined to them. Libraries which depend on British Library cataloguing services in any degree will be faced with the need to provide information which the British Library proposes to omit and their costs will be increased proportionately.

The case for using a central agency for cataloguing records assumes that standards for entries will not change and the present proposals clearly strike at the heart of the principle. The Library Syndicate in Cambridge are acutely aware of the costs to their cataloguing department which these proposals will incur and have protested already to the British Library. They have derived no comfort from the reply.

The fact is that the *British National Bibliography* is on a slippery slope. The promised improvement by the use of the "cataloguing in publication" did not materialise and now lower standards still are being canvassed.

The British Library should heed Mr Whitaker (October 3) and look to the other major research libraries in Britain, which have long had to make up for the deficiences of British Library services by cataloguing material often completely lost to the *British National Bibliography*, before undermining further its scholarly value.

Although a customer of the National Bibliographic Service, Cambridge University Library has to catalogue in-house at least 30 per cent of British materials received under the Act to meet the present shortcomings in British Library services. It would willingly contribute these records, which are compiled to British Library standards, to the *British National Bibliography*.

These records could only reduce the present numbers of items awaiting cataloguing and, far from making "very little sense" (Mr P. R. Lewis, October 14), such collaboration must at the least merit consideration before downgrading the service. This must be no less true of other national and university libraries.

If this is not acceptable — and it is difficult to see why it should not be — privatisation is very much in the air. Why not let the trade or even the Publishers' Association take it over? The product, we all know, will sell — it could even become "timely".

Yours etc,
DEREK BREWER,
FREDERICK RATCLIFFE,
Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
October 15.

Market collapse

From the Bishop of Worcester

Sir, This is One World Week. As if to bring home our interdependence, the stock market in London has collapsed because it collapsed in New York. As a result, it will slide in Tokyo. Nor will it stop there. If interest rates go up, the indebtedness of the poor nations will soon pass, in dollars, the one billion mark and their annual earnings drop even more than at present.

We are told that the sophisticated economics of the West can stand the racket. This is not so among the poorer nations, any 25 of whose gnp does not exceed in total the turnover of one thriving multi-national company. Such imbalance means a world polarized between the abjectly poor and the indecently rich.

Create wealth we must. Can we not also go for greater equality in distribution? Imbalance spells instability and instability brings disaster and then even the rich man's castle is at risk.

One World Week is surely a realistic concept par excellence. The events of this week prove sharply that New York, London and Tokyo are on the same map. So also are Bangladesh, Peru and Upper Volta.

Yours faithfully,
†PHILIP WORCESTER.
The Bishop's House,
Hartlebury,
Kidderminster, Worcestershire.
October 20.

A bad blow

From Professor W. T. Stearn

Sir, The understandable haste of public authorities to remove uprooted trees from their parks and gardens will result in the loss of much potentially valuable arboricultural information unless this is recorded immediately.

A tree receives nourishment from its whole root system but has to depend for stability in a gale upon only a third of this, i.e., the holding roots on the windward side. If these snap where the strain upon them is strongest, near the trunk, then the tree falls because of the wind pressure on its crown.

Street trees are handicapped by the uneven distribution of their roots forced upon them by paving; thus a birch tree which fell on a house here in Kew had no holding roots on the kerbside. If the roots hold, a gale can wrench off large branches, especially if weakened at the crutch by rot.

As a start, I would strongly urge local authorities to get their surveyors immediately to measure the girth, height and, if possible, crown size of fallen trees and their park superintendents to record the species or variety and to note the extent of the root system exposed. For oaks, poplars, willows and limes, a few leaves preserved will aid identification. Soil and other conditions can be the subject of inquest later. This information can be collated and analysed in due course by a national arboricultural body.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM T. STEARN,
17 High Park Road,
Kew Gardens,
Richmond, Surrey.
October 18.

Leaves in a storm

From Mr Raymond H. Little

Sir, Amid the leaves in my garden from trees blown about in Thursday night's storm I found today a copy, without cover, of *The Book of Normals of Meteorological Elements for the British Isles*, for periods ending 1915. It was published by the Air Ministry.

Has someone up there got a sense of irony?

Yours sincerely,
RAYMOND H. LITTLE,
20 Cutbush Lane,
Shinfield,
Reading, Berkshire.
October 18.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 22 1912

Ispahan (Esfahan), midway between the Caspian and the Gulf, was the subject of three articles; the last of these concluded with a broader view of British influence in Persia

BRITISH INTERESTS AT ISPAHAN.

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE.

... the familiar trend of foreign trade is British, and if only the roads were reopened it would thrive once more. Nevertheless it is no longer unchallenged, and it is probable that the Ispahan market is one in which in the end British merchants must resign themselves to seeing their supremacy pass away. Insecurity on the roads has already sadly constricted it, and Ispahan no longer serves as a distributing centre for Western Persia and for Teheran and the Caspian provinces. But, apart from any question of security, British merchants must learn to realize that by agreement Ispahan is in the Russian sphere, and that Russian influence, hitherto unfelt, must be expected to increase and English influence to wane. The truth is that in modern conditions the prevalence of English commerce and the English language in Northern Persia is something of an anomaly. In former times Russia was content with a military and political predominance. Business was not for her, and unless an English concession appeared to assume too large dimensions, as in the case of Reuter, internal exploitation was left to Englishmen. Thus it came about that England covered Persia with telegraph poles, and that England became the principal banker and trader in Teheran as well as in Ispahan and Southern Persia. She attained, in fact, a position in the north which she had no military or diplomatic strength to maintain. The capital is close to the Russian frontier, and is by many weeks removed from the Gulf. Russia therefore must in the nature of things always control Teheran, and now that she is no longer indifferent to commerce she has the means of making her power felt. This it is that the English trading community in Northern Persia are slow to realize. They complain of a diminution of English influence and of a lack of support from the Foreign Office. They overlook the fact that in the last resort there are few means of supporting Englishmen in Northern Persia, and that English banks and telegraphs are relics of an easier-going past. Their foundation to-day would be impossible. Ispahan is the central point between north and south, but by agreement it is in the Russian sphere. Its mercantile character is English, but in time it will be otherwise. No Englishman, perhaps, can see the change without a pang. But it has been so decided, and it is idle to regret it now. Some words of the 18th-century geographer have a certain aptness to the present situation, even if we hope that some fortunate issue may yet appear. He wrote:— "The great scheme of the English in trading with the Persians through Russia promised great advantages to both nations, but it has hitherto answered the expectations of neither. But nothing can be said with certainty on that head till the government of Persia is in a more settled condition that it is at present." ...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 21: His Excellency Mr Feesago S. Fepulea'i was received in audience by The Duke of York and The Princess Royal. Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented his Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for Western Somoa in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the High Commission, who had the honour of being presented to *Their Royal Highnesses*: Mr Ulupoao Ata Ma'ia'i (First Secretary).

Mrs Fepulea'i had the honour of being received by The Duke of York and The Princess Royal.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Their Royal Highnesses, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Duke of York and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, held a Council at 12.20 pm.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Lord Privy Seal), the Right Hon Paul Channon, MP (Secretary of State for Transport) and the Right Hon John Selwyn Gummer, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of Their Royal Highnesses before the Council.

His Excellency Mr Samuel J.O. Sarr and Mrs Sarr were received in farewell audience by The Duke of York and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for The Gambia in London.

The Duke of York this morning visited the Headquarters of the Association of Fashion, Advertising and Editorial *Photographers in* Domingo Street, London EC1, to dedicate the Dr Victor Hasselblad Library.

His Royal Highness later attended the Judging Lunch for the Kodachrome Challenge Entries at Hill and Knowlton (UK) Limited, 5-11 Theobalds Road, London WC1.

The Duke of York, Patron of Fight for Sight, this evening attended a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall on the occasion of the launch of the Fight for Sight Special Appeal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Duchess of York this evening attended a performance of *HMS Pinafore* by New Sadler's Wells Opera at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London EC1.

Miss Helen Hughes was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this evening attended a Gala Night Performance of *Moon Dance Night* during the Black Theatre Season at the Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, London WC2.

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning attended a reception and fashion show at Jaeger, Regent Street, London W1.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 21: The Prince and Princess of Wales this afternoon visited emergency services in Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Miss Anne-Beckwith-Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson and Mr Philip Mackie, travelled in an aircraft of No 32 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Aged, this evening attended the charity's Gold and Diamond Appeal at Christie's, King Street, London SW1.

Viscountess Campden and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 21: Princess Alice, *Duchess of* Gloucester, President, The Queen's Nursing Institute, was present this afternoon at the Annual Open Meeting at the Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, W1.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 21: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Britain at Telecom '87 in Geneva, Switzerland.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton.

The Duchess of Kent today visited Birmingham as part of International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, on their return from Australia, will make a two-day visit to Thailand next February, as the guests of the King and Queen of Thailand.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Chicago from November 9-12 to attend a reception and *dinner in aid of the* Courtauld Institute of Art Fund and visit the British Home at Brookfield, Illinois. As Patron of Foster Parents Plan (UK), she will also visit the Foster Parents Plan International Headquarters in Rhode Island.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Keith Frazer, RD, MA, (Cantab), FRCS, FRACS, consultant neurosurgeon, University Hospital of Wales, will be held on Friday, October 30, 1987, at 11.30 am in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff.

Receptions

Fight for Sight
The Duke of York, Royal Patron of Fight for Sight, attended a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, last night to mark the launch of the Fight for Sight Special Appeal. He was received by Wing Commander W.H. Kearney, representing the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Sir Richard Meyjes, chairman of the special appeal committee, and Professor Norman Ashton, Chairman of Fight for Sight.

Lord Hacking
Lord Hacking was host at a reception held last night in the House of Lords to mark the inaugural meeting of the Society of Scottish Lawyers in London. Lord McCluskey was the principal guest.

Service dinners

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785
Captain G.M. Tullis presided at a dinner held last night by the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 at Whitbread's Brewery to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Surgeon Rear-Admiral G.J. Milton-Thompson was the guest of honour.

HMS Revenge
The Wardroom of HMS Revenge commemorated the Battle of Trafalgar at a formal dinner at sea on October 21. Lieutenant Commander A.C. Benford, RN, presided. The guest of honour, who proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory, was the Commanding Officer, Commander J.L. Milnes, RN.

Lord Mason of Barnsley

The life barony conferred on Mr Roy Mason has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Mason of Barnsley**, of *Barnsley in South Yorkshire.*

Dinners

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for *Science and Technology*, presided at a lecture and dinner held last night at the house of the Royal Society. Mr A.K. Gill *and Professor John Parnaby* also spoke.

Royal Society of St George
Mr John Minshull-Fogg, Chairman of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, accompanied by Mrs Minshull-Fogg, presided at a *Trafalgar Day dinner* held last night at the Waldorf Hotel. The other speakers were Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Admiral Sir Peter Herbert, Chairman of SSAFA, Lieutenant-General J.M.C. Garrod, Commandant General of The Royal Marines, Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president, and the Rev Basil Watson. Others present included:

The Hon Rocco and Mrs Forte, Lady Lygo, Lady Herbert, Mrs Martin Garrod, Dr John Blackburn, MP, Mr and Mrs George Gibbs and the Upper Warden of the Fletchers' Company and Mrs Coward.

Marketing Group of Great Britain
Mrs Jean Denton presided at the dinner held last night at the *Dorchester* hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Sir Kit McMahon, Chairman of Midland Bank plc.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, *Lord Mayor locum tenens*, accompanied by Lady Gillett, the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at a dinner given by the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders at the Mansion House last night. Mr R. Dunhill, Master, presided and the other speakers were Sir John Donaldson, Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson and Mr L.J. Kimmins, Clerk. Others present included:

Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Major J.C. Webb and the Masters of the Companies of Gardeners, Makers of Playing Cards, Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and Actuaries and their ladies.

Birthdays today

Lord Birkett, 58; Colonel J.N. Blashford-Snell, explorer, 51; Mr L.R. Carus, former principal, Birmingham School of Music, 60; Mrs B.D. Craig, former principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 72; Miss Catherine Deneuve, actress, 44; Professor Charlotte Erickson, American historian, 64; Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Gold Stick to The Queen, 71; Miss Joan Fontaine, actress, 70; Lady (Michael) Fox, director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 59; Mr Mike Hendrick, cricketer, 39; Miss I. Hindmarsh, principal, St Aidan's College, Durham, 64; Mr Derek Jacobi, actor, 49; Mrs Doris Lessing, author, 68; Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, QC, 72; Mr Donald McIntyre, opera singer, 53; Vice-Admiral Sir FitzRoy Talbot, 78; Mr A.R. Thatcher, former Registrar General for England and Wales, 61; *Admiral Sir David Williams*, former governor, Gibraltar, 66; Professor John Wing, psychiatrist, 64; Sir Hugh Wontner, *hotelier*, 79.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company

On October 21 the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company installed, at their Hall, Mr Henry Kroch as Master, Mr Douglas Read as Senior Warden and Mr Gordon Hall as Junior Warden. Major General Eric Younson was, on his retirement as Clerk, appointed the company's Clerk Emeritus. The *principal speaker* was Sir John Nott. Among others present were:

The Masters of the Bakers', Clockmakers' and Glaziers' Companies, the Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Mr Keith Speed, MP, Mr Gwilym Jones, MP, Mr David WalterStone, Mr E B Wootton and Dr Max Dietrich.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Franz Liszt, Raiding, Hungary, 1811; Sarah Bernhardt, actress, Paris, 1844; Ivan Bunin, poet and novelist, Voronezh, Russia, 1870.

DEATHS: Thomas Sheraton, cabinet maker, London, 1806; Henry Richard Fox, 3rd Baron Holland, politician and writer, London, 1840; Louis Spohr, composer, Kassel, Germany, 1859; Sir Roland Murchison, geologist, London, 1871; William Edward Lecky, historian, London, 1903; Paul Cézanne, Aix-en-Provence, 1906; Sir John Fortescue, military historian, Cannes, 1933; *Edward Carson*, Baron Carson, lawyer — the "uncrowned king of Ulster", Minister, Kent, 1935; Pablo Casals, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, 1973; Arnold Toynbee, historian, York, 1975.

Textile Institute

Dr J.R. McPhee, managing director of the International Wool Secretariat, is to receive the companionship of the institute. Jean Muir has been awarded the medal for design and the Warner memorial medal has been won by Professor Sueo Kawabata, professor of polymer chemistry at Kyoto University, Japan.

University news

York
Promotions
SENIOR LECTURERS: Dr J Digby, biology; Dr B Thomas, chemistry; Dr R Patton, electronics; Dr H Lee English and related literature; Dr R Fricker, history; Dr J Sharpe, history; Mr S Harlow, language and linguistic science; Dr A Sudbery, mathematics; Dr P Cerny, politics; Dr M Cox, psychology.

Appointments
SENIOR LECTURERS: Dr M Harrison and Dr K Mander, computer science.
LECTURERS: Mr A Dickerson, statistics; Dr H Afshar and J Evans, politics.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.R. Alsop
and Miss H.G. Egleston
The engagement is announced between Simon Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs B.G.P. *Alsop, of Ashstead, Surrey* and Nairobi, Kenya, and Harriet Gillian, younger daughter of Major K.M. Egleston and Lady *Clarissa* Egleston, of Weston Patrick, Hampshire and Chiswick.

Mr G.St L. Granville
and Miss N.M.L. Blackett-Ord
The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of the late Mr Court Granville and Mrs Michael McNair-Wilson, of Nine Elms Farmhouse, Bucklebury, Reading, and Nicola, only daughter of His Honour and Mrs A.J. Blackett-Ord, of Helbeck Hall, Brough, Cumbria.

Lieutenant C.N. Johnson
and Miss K.C. Dean
The engagement is announced between Charles Johnson, Royal Welch Fusiliers, son of *Major-General and Mrs G.D.* Johnson, of Headquarters House, Hong Kong, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.T. Dean, of Penstock, Shootersway, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.W.E. Johnson
and Miss T.E. Cresswell
The engagement is announced between Matthew William *Edward, youngest son of Air* Commodore and Mrs A.T. Johnson, of RAF Rheindahlan, West Germany, and Tracey Elvira, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Ruth, of Colindale, London.

Mr G.C. Botsford
and Miss V.G. Brooks
The engagement is announced between Charles Graham, elder son of Mrs Jenny Botsford, of Islington, London, and the late Mr Robert Botsford, and Victoria Guthrie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Brooks, of Flax Bourton, Bristol.

Mr G.W. Dickinson
and Miss J.E. Martin
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey William, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Dickinson, of Cranham, Essex, and Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Martin, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr R.P.H. Lim
and Miss T.M. McLean
The engagement is announced between Robin, *son of Mr and* Mrs Wan Lie Lim, 23 Durham Drive, Edinburgh, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian McLean, Linndhu House, Tobermory, Isle of Mull.

Mr A.J. Pomeroy
and Miss R.G. Gatland
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Pomeroy, of Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada, formerly of Peaslake, Surrey, and Belinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Gatland, of Fontmell Parva House, Child Okeford, Dorset.

Mr A. Shaw
and Mrs L. Day
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place *in Bishop's Stortford on Octo*ber 24, 1987, of Alan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Shaw, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, and Lindsay, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Fuller, of Ware, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.W. Reeve-Tucker
and Miss P.J. Thompson
The engagement is announced between David, fifth son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel T.S.W. Reeve-Tucker and Mrs Maureen Reeve-Tucker, of Perrystone Towers, Ross-on-Wye, and Philippa, only daughter of Major and Mrs W.V.H. Thompson, of The Cottage, How Caple, Herefordshire.

Marriages

Mr R. Chan
and Miss C. Scriven
The marriage took place on Wednesday, October 21, 1987, at the Chelsea Register Office, London, between Mr Raymond *Yiu Wah Chan, son of Mr* Chan Yat San and the late Mrs Chan Yat San, 2 Suffolk Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Miss Caroline Scriven, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R.D. Scriven, 18 Carmel Road, Stanley, Hong Kong.

Mr Q.E. Robey
and Miss L.A.C. Vanreenen
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 17, at Aberlady Parish Church, between Mr Quentin Robey and Miss Lorna Vanreenen.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Major Gordon Vanreenen, was attended by Alice Ross, Hannah Gibbs and Robert Ross. Mr Christopher Peacock was best man.

The reception was held at the Open Arms Hotel, Dirleton, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.



Melvyn Jan (left), Malcolm Bilson and Robert Levin rehearsing for the first concert tomorrow in the John Eliot Gardiner and the Monteverdi's London season, when they will give a rare performance on three fortepianos in an all-Mozart programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, featuring the Triple Concerto, the Double Concerto and the Concerto No 6 in Bb. (Photograph: John Rogers).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: N C Baird-Murray – MOD as DNLP, 18.2.88.
COMMANDERS: M K F Cocks – Staff of FONAC, 11.12.87; J K Gosden – MOD (London), 18.12.87; P B J Hiscock – SPARTAN in Iona, 15.3.88; J L Milnes – Cdr SM10, 29.3.88; R Porteous – Staff of CINCNAVHOME, 16.2.88; W F Worsley MOD (London), 10.11.87.
CHAPLAINS: *D Barlow – DRYAD*, 6.1.88; R S Bennett – duty with ships of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, 21.1.88; R Meehan – DRAKE, 5.10.87; I F Naylor – ANDROMEDA, 25.2.87; E D J-B Renfrew – 45 Cdo RM, 16.7.87; M L Wishart, 8.3.88.
Retirements
REAR ADMIRAL: G A F Hitchens – 25.11.87.
COMMANDERS: J Birkett – 12.12.87; R N Langman – 12.12.87.

The Army
MAJOR GENERALS
P E de la C de la Billiere to be General Officer Commanding South East District in the rank of Lieutenant General, in December, in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Michael Gray. A S Bicknell to be Director General of Army Medical Services, in December, in succession to Lieutenant General Sir Cameron Moffat. Major General Bicknell will also be Deputy Surgeon General (Operational) MOD, in December, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal F Hurrell.
BRIGADIERS: Brigadier W E I Forsythe-Jauch L/RAMC to be Commanding Officer, Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, 6.10.87.
P J Beale to be Commander Medical, United Kingdom Land Forces, in the rank of Major General, in December, in succession to Major General A J Shaw.
R M Llewellyn to be General Officer Commanding Wales, in the rank of Major General, in December, in succession to Major General P E de la C de la Billiere.
The Hon W E Rous to be Commander 4th Armoured Division in the rank of Major General, in November, in succession to Major General M F Hobbs.
RA
Major General Robert Staveley relinquished the appointment of Colonel Commandant Royal Regiment of Artillery, September 22.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: W G Gambold to MOD, 25.10.87; C W Pennell to MOD, 19.10.87.
WING COMMANDERS: D A F Bailey to MOD, 12.10.87; J S Hockwell to HQ RAFSC, 19.10.87; M A M Kidd to RAF Hereford, 19.10.87.

Memorial services

Judge Underhill, QC
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Judge Underhill, QC, was held in the Chapel of Gray's Inn on Tuesday. Canon Eric James officiated.

Mr Nicholas Underhill, son, and Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, Treasurer of Gray's Inn, read the lessons. Mr Frank Giles read *On Wenlock Edge* from *A Shropshire Lad* by A.E. Housman and Sir John Johnston gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Underhill (widow), Mr Tom Underhill and Mr William Underhill (sons), Mrs Nicholas Underhill (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Roger Underhill (brother and sister-in-law), Dr and Mrs Iain Watson (brother-in-law and sister), Mr James Underhill, Mr Giles Underhill, Mr Harry Underhill, Miss Jane Hobson.

Lord and Lady Edmund-Davies, Lord Wigoder, QC, and Lady Wigoder, Lord and Lady Keith of Kinkel, Mr and Mrs Carlisle, QC, Lord Justice and Lady Gildewell, Lord Justice Gibson, Lord Justice Stephen Brown, Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice and Lady Neill, Sir John Megaw, Sir George Waller, Sir David Croom-Johnson, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, Lady Katharine Giles, Lady Finlay, Mr Justice and Lady Mars-Jones, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Ewbank, Mr Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Mann, Mr Justice Waite, Mr Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Ognall, Mr Justice Hutchison, Mr Justice Roch, Mr Justice Tucker, Mr Justice and Lady Hirst, Mr Justice Waterhouse, Judge Sir James Miskin, QC (Recorder of London), Sir Brian Warren, Sir David and Lady Sells, Lady Phillips, Lady Jones, Lady Johnston, Sir John Wordie, Sir Victor Garland, Sir Edward Gardner, QC and Lady Gardner, Sir Douglas Frank, QC and Lady Frank, Sir Jack Jacob, QC, Sir Derek Oulton, QC, Lady Cobb, Lady Lathbury, Sir Harold Beeley, Dr N Burstein and Mrs Justice Heilbron.

Judge Pigot, QC (Common Serjeant in the City of London), Judge Fox-Andrews, QC, Judge Elyn Lewis, QC, and Mrs Lewis, Judge Black, QC, and Mrs Black, Judge Smedley, QC, Judge and Mrs MacNair, Judge Shillaker, QC (representing the Judges of the Inner London Crown Court), Judge Brown, QC, Judge Capstick, QC, Judge and Mrs Dyer, Judge and Mrs Murphie, Judge Harold Wilson, Judge and Mrs Tumim, Judge and Mrs White, Judge Medd, Judge and Mrs Harris, Judge Paul Clark, Judge and Mrs Baker, Judge Hazan, Judge Smithies, Judge David Smith, His Honour Jack Abdela, QC, and Mrs Abdela, His Honour Edward Sutcliffe, QC, and Mrs Sutcliffe, His Honour Denis McDonnell, His Honour and Mrs Michael King, His Honour and Mrs Peregrine Bromefield, the Ven Derek Catman (representing the trustees of Parmoor Convent), Mr J P C Palmer (also representing St Katharine's Convent) and Mrs Palmer, Mr D D Middlebrook (also representing Messrs William Charles Crocker), Mr Christopher Bourke (Metropolitan Stipendiary Bench), Mr J Jeremy A Cowdry (London Law Agency), Mr Christopher Drury (Leander Club), Mr Robert Johnson, QC (Vice-Chairman of the General Council of the Bar).

Mr Leonard Williams, Mr and Mrs Derek Hambien, Mr and Mrs Nigel Pascoe, Mr and Mrs Karl Newman, Mr and Mrs Donald Scott, Miss Elisabeth Fisher, Mr Roger Davies, Mr and Mrs Andrew Edwards, Mr Robert Cavron, Mr and Mrs E Palamountain, Mr and Mrs D Brown, Mrs R F Stone, Mrs Elizabeth Giles, Miss Belinda Giles, Miss Kate MacNair, Mr and Mrs Oliver Sells, Mr Andrew Sells, Mr and Mrs James Sells, Miss Fiona Finlay, Mrs Patricia Bax, Mr John Plume, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Christopher Bevan, Mr John Mummery, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, Mr Thomas Morison, QC, and Mrs Morison, Mr Leonard Caplan, QC, Professor Ronald Graveson, QC, Mr Richard Stone, QC, and Mrs Patrick Bennett, QC, and Mrs Bennett, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, and Mrs Dehn, Miss Jean Southworth, Mr and Mrs Collins, QC, and Mrs Collins, Mr John Peppitt, QC, and Mrs Peppitt, Mr Robin Auld, QC, Mr John Spokes, QC, and Mrs Spokes, Mr Peter Beaumont, QC, Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, and Mrs Weitzman, Miss Ann Curnow, QC, Mr Brian Higgs, QC, Mr Richard Harvey, QC, Mr Christopher Bellingfield, QC, Mr Anthony Butcher, QC, Mr Robert Johnson, QC, Mr Terence Ingman, QC, Mr Richard Hill, QC, Mr John Samuels, QC, Mr Anthony Barrowclough, QC, and Mrs Barrowclough, Mr John Toulmin, QC, Mr Richard Hawkins, QC, and Mr W Hudson, QC.

Mr R.H. Cobbold
A memorial service for Mr Ralph Cobbold was held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, *Wellington Barracks. The Rev J.* Neville Thomas officiated. Mr Nicholas Cobbold, son, and Lord Home of the Hirsel read the lessons. Among those present were:

Mrs Cobbold (widow), Mr David Cobbold (son), Mrs Nicholas Cobbold (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell and Mr and Mrs Thomas Egerton (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs Charlotte McGuire (daughter), Leo McGuire, Mr and Mrs Timothy Hatton, Mr and Mrs John Lewis, Miss Arabella Cobbold, Mr Christopher Wilmot-Sitwell, Miss Vanessa Wilmot-Sitwell, Mr Charles Egerton, Miss Lucinda Egerton and Miss Phillipa Egerton (grandchildren), Mr Patrick Cobbold, Mr Richard Cobbold, Mr Anthony Cobbold, Lord and Lady Cobbold, Mrs C Worthington, Mr and Mrs R de Pass, Mrs P de Pass, the Hon Robin Gibson-Watt, Mr and Mrs A J Gibson-Watt, Mrs Peter Clifton, Lady Freyberg, Lady Peyton of Yeovil, Mr and Mrs C Hordern, Judge Hordern, QC, Mr and Mrs I Henderson, Mr and Mrs Charles Hambro, Mr Alexander Hambro.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, Countess Fitzwilliam, the Earl of Westmorland, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Viscount Knollys, Viscount Cowdray, Viscount Ridley, Viscount and Viscountess Bearsted, Viscount Mountgarret, Major Lord and Lady Desmond Colchester, Lady Home of the Hirsel, Lady Glenkinglas, Lord Rowallan, Lord Magnus-Allcroft, Lady Farnham, Lady Marley, Lady Tollemache, Lord Inchyra, Lady Jane Wallop, Lady Margaret Douglas-Home, Lady Diana Herbert.

The Hon William Douglas-Home and Baroness Dacre, the Hon Mrs Blom, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Hon Mrs Norman Elles, the Hon Mrs W Barnett, the Hon Mrs William Wallace, the Hon Roger Franiland, the Hon Brownlow Cecil, the Hon Robert Hoyer Millar, the Hon Charles Morrison, MP, the Hon Mrs Delap, the Hon Lady Cobbold, Major the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Willers, Sir Peter and Lady Baech, Lady Wiggin, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Major-General Sir John Younger, Sir Peter and Lady Walker-Okeover, Elizabeth, Lady Walker-Okeover, Sir Hugh Ripley, Lady Keswick, Sir Harry Moore, Major Cobbold, Sir Philip Ward, Major-General Sir George Burns, Colonel W and Lady Joan Gore-Langton, Major and the Hon Mrs Peter Egerton-Warburton.

Mr Newsie Ford, Mrs John Profumo, Colonel Andrew Parker Bowles, Mr Simon Parker Bowles, Mr Giles Corney, Major Bruce Shand, Mrs Simon Hornby, Mr Sidney Spiro, Mr Charles Smith-Ryland, Mr George Bush, Mr and Mrs Richard Todhunter, Mr and Mrs Michael Wyndham, Mr and Mrs Ronald Robertson, Mr and Mrs Peter Cotterell, Mrs Peter Marsham, Captain and Mrs David Lewis, Mrs Peter Strutt, Mr C L Loyd, Major and Mrs Kenneth Thompson, Brigadier Ralph Stobart, Dr Charles Smith-Bingham, Mr Kenneth Wapp, Miss Patricia Rawlings, Major A F P Maddox (Chairman, Cricketers' Association), Mr C S Caley (Royal British Legion: Norfolk branch), Mr R Lowndes (Glen Ramblers) and Mr Keith Stevens (Conway and Barrow).

Mr J.W. Cope
Professor J.S. Malpas, Vice-President of St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr J.W. Cope held yesterday at the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Less, West Smithfield. The Rev Michael Whatwell officiated. Sir Edward Tuckwell read the lesson and Mr A.P. Fuller gave an address.

Bridge

Britain surges ahead

Ocho Rios, Reuter - Sweden fought back bravely but vainly *against Britain in the World* Bridge semi-finals, closing rapidly after trailing by 82 international match points when the session began.

But Britain pulled away again to lead by 292 to 231 when play ended on Tuesday night, a gap the Swedes will find difficult to narrow.

The young Swedish pair, Magnus Lindkvist and Bjorn Fallenius, of Malmo, met disaster when a bidding misunderstanding cost them 2,800 points on a single deal, the biggest penalty of the championships.

The iron man of these championships is Britain's Tony Forrester, the only contestant who has played unrested, outshining fresh opponents who *were exempted from the eight*-day round robin that Britain had to battle through.

The United States, the title *holders, were cruising to victory* over Taiwan with an overnight score of 323 to 213. Cool and accurate, the Americans looked in good shape to defend their title in today's final.

The shorter semi-finals for the Venice Cup women's event ended with France defeating Italy by 276 points to 227. Their opponents in the final will be USA 2, who defeated USA 1 by 277 to 251.

Britain have appealed against a penalty for inaccurately explaining a bidding sequence, which would give them a further 10 points if allowed.

Wentworth Milton Mount, Bournemouth

The Rev C. Mead is the new chairman of the governors. The new indoor heated swimming pool will be officially opened on November 2, by Miss Sharron Davies. An open day will be held on November 24. Details of governors' scholarships, awarded to entrants at 11+ and to the sixth form, will be available on November 24, from the Secretary, Wentworth Milton Mount, Bournemouth, BH5 2DY.

Latest wills

Eileen Joyce Acheson Hose, of *Salisbury, Wiltshire*, secretary and literary executor to the late Cecil Beaton, left estate valued at £363,722 net. She left the Cecil Beaton Collection of Royal Photographs to the Victoria and Albert Museum and 20 of Beaton's sketches of theatrical subjects to the Theatre Museum.

OBITUARY

DR J. H. QUASTEL

Drugs and the brain

Dr Juda Hirsch Quastel, FRS, who did significant work on the effects of drugs on the activities of the brain, died on October 15. He was 88.

His formative years were spent in this country — particularly at the Cardiff City Mental Hospital — but he decided to take his talents permanently overseas, to Canada, after the war. He made that country his home, and held the successive posts of professor of biochemistry at McGill University, Montreal (1947 to 1966), and professor of psychiatry (neurochemistry) at the University of British Columbia (1966 to 1983).

He did return to this country, however, late in his life, as visiting professor to the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, in London, in 1976/7.

Quastel was born at Sheffield on October 2, 1899, and educated at the Central Secondary School there; the Imperial College of Science, London; and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where, in the autumn of 1921, he began his researches in biochemistry. He continued as a lecturer in the subject at the university until 1929.

In that year he moved to the Cardiff City Mental Hospital with the post of research director. It was there that he conducted much of his most important work, laying the foundations for the science of brain biochemistry *through* his studies of the effects of drugs on the brain — work which further confirmed the essential role played by glucose in supplying energy to the brain.

During the war, Quastel's gifts were employed in a slightly different field, and he worked with the Agricultural Research Unit as director of its soil metabolism unit. He concentrated his attentions, to good effect, on herbicides and, with a different body, on water pollution.

In 1947, he went to Canada, where he *continued* in active research for the rest of his life. He received numerous awards from establishments around the world, though the Royal Society had noticed his talents early when they made him a fellow in 1941.

Quastel also served on the board of governors of The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, from 1950, and he had a hand in the founding of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

His publications, which were mainly on subjects of biochemical interest, included *Chemistry of Brain Metabolism* (1962) and four volumes of *Metabolic Inhibitors*.

He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife and the daughter and two sons of his first marriage.

BISHOP GEORGE HOLDERNESS

The Right Rev George Holderness, Suffragan Bishop of Burnley from 1955 to 1970, died yesterday. He was 74.

His prowess as a prelate was matched only by his vigour as a sportsman — rugby, cricket, and tennis — though in his later years his chief diversions were shooting and fishing.

George Edward Holderness was born at Roundhay, Leeds, on March 5, 1913. He was educated at Leeds Grammar School where he was captain of cricket and captained the Yorkshire Public Schools XI. He also represented the school at rugby football, squash racquets and tennis.

In 1932, he was awarded a scholarship to Keble College, Oxford, where he excelled in geography. Then, in 1935, he took himself off to Westcott House to train for the priesthood. In the Advent of the following year he was ordained and licensed to the curacy of Bedale, where he took an active interest in all the social activities of the parish; and he also played regularly for the local cricket and Association football teams.

Four years later he was appointed chaplain and assistant master of Aysgarth School, Bedale, where he remained until 1947. During these years Holderness was also a chaplain to the forces, and by 1945 he was deputy assistant chaplain general to India Command.

From Bedale he went, in 1947, to the living of Darlington, and, before his departure, in 1955, was rewarded with an honorary canonry at Durham. By now he was well into his stride at the crease, captaining the Durham clergy (which role he was also to perform ably at Burnley).

His tenure as suffragan ran in tandem with the living of Burnley, until 1970, when he was appointed Dean of Lichfield.

Holderness was a keen territorial, in the Northern Command, for which duties he earned an Emergency Reserve Decoration, with two clasps.

Shortly after his departure from the Lichfield deanery, he became an assistant bishop in the Diocese of York, where he continued to minister and to assist until his final illness overcame him.

His wife, Irene, whom he married in 1940, survives him with their son and two daughters.

CARDINAL JOSEF HÖFFNER

Cardinal Josef Höffner, Cardinal Archbishop of Cologne since 1969, has died at the age of 80.

A powerful conservative force in this the richest and most potent of the German Roman Catholic archdioceses, Höffman devoted his life to opposing any dilution of pure Catholic doctrine.

He was a persuasive essayist, an intellectual who played an important part in the election of the present Pope, and who, thereafter, supported him in his defence of orthodox Roman catholic theology.

Höffner was born on December 24, 1906, and went to school in the ancient city of Trier, where he later became a priest.

He studied at Rome and Freiburg universities, and, until 1943, devoted himself largely to theological and ecclesiastical studies. From his pastorate as a priest in Trier he succeeded to the chair of pastoral theology and Christian sociology at Trier University in 1945. From 1951 he was professor of Christian sociology at Münster.

But he was not to be allowed to remain in the seclusion of academe. In 1962, he exchanged his chair at Münster for the mitre in that city, and seven years later was appointed to the Archdiocese of Cologne.

He soon took up a stance against the radicalism which was becoming fashionable in certain circles in the Roman Catholic Church. He was a staunch opponent of apostate priests — those who abandoned celibacy, those who contemplated re-marrying the divorced.

Appointed chairman of the German Conference of Bishops in 1962, he resisted *radical doctrinal novelties* such as those propounded by, for example, the Swiss theologian, Hans Küng. Asking for Paradise on Earth, as Höffner put it, was not something which ought to be entertained by an archbishop.

Ten years ago a West German terrorist group planned to kidnap him, but the attempt was thwarted by police.

Mr Philip Leigh, who died on October 9, aged 57, was managing director of the Bolton Building Society and a leading figure in the building society movement.

In the late 1950s he took over a small, although old-established building society, The Bolton, with his father-in-law Alfred Freeman, and over the years built it up to one with assets approaching £100 millions.

Mr J. Walter Severinghaus, the architect who designed the international arrivals building at Kennedy International Airport, died on October 16. He was 81.

He also had a hand in designing the Chase Manhattan Bank headquarters in Manhattan, and the United States Air Force bases in Morocco.

Mr Aaron Krolenbaum, who died in London on October 4, at the age of 79, became a Christian and translated the New Testament into Yiddish.

In our obituary yesterday of Lieutenant-Colonel P. H. Huth, DSO, MC and Bar, "C" Company 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars" should, of course, have read "'C' Squadron" of that celebrated regiment.

ALFRED BESTER

Alfred Bester, American science fiction writer, has died at Dolylestown, Pennsylvania, at the age of 74.

His output was not large, but it includes at least two novels which are regarded as classics of the genre — *The Demolished Man*, and *The Stars My Destination*.

The latter, a tense story of interplanetary strife, was published in Britain as *Tiger, Tiger*, and caused a sensation when it appeared in 1956.

Devotees of the Bester atmosphere had to wait nineteen years for a follow-up. *Extro* (1975) did not disappoint the public, though it did not entirely please those who regarded him as a writer capable of raising science-fiction to an art form.

The best of his short stories are collected in *The Dark Side of the Earth* (1964), a volume which is replete with craft, wit and ingenuity.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

But The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2 : 20

BIRTHS

DRUMMOND - On October 18th, 1987, to Madeleine (née Maxwell-Arnot) and Allan, a son, Adam Robert Eric, a brother for Kathryn.

EVERARD - On October 20th, to Nicky (née Hill) and Mark, a daughter, Emma.

PAGE - On October 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Ann (née Millar) and John, a son, Ruari Michael James, a brother for Ewan and Calum.

PYCRAFT - On October 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Maria (née Thoistrup) and Justin, a son, Thomas Alexander Mallet.

ROBINSON - On October 18th, a daughter for Anita and Gerry.

STOCKER - On October 19th, at Milton Keynes Hospital, to Felicity (née Kneeshaw) and Martin, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth.

THOMAS - On October 18th, to Janet (née Stephenson) and Glyn, a daughter Miranda Fay. Thanks to the Wellington IVS Unit and Kingston Hospital Maternity Unit.

VAN DER STEEN - On October 19th, to Gloucester Hospital to Rachel (née MacMillan-Scott) a son Joseph.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

NORMAN/MASON - On Trafalgar Day 1947 at Christ Church, Matlaca, Peter Norman to Ann Mason, sometime of Shell Company Qatar and Shell Company, Thailand. Now at Marden Rise, 81 Lower Road, Fetcham, Surrey.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On 17th October 1987, peacefully in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Martin Rousseliange Anderson, aged 42 years. Funeral Service to take place at Oxford Crematorium on Friday 23rd October at 4 pm.

BACON - On October 20th 1987, at Kincarrathie House, Perth, Marjorie Alice (née Wetherall) aged 88 years. Loving mother of Christopher and Jill. Funeral Service in Perth Crematorium on Monday October 26th at 10.45am.

BARRETT - On October 19th, peacefully in hospital Barbara, of Milton, Peterborough, and Mount Eliza Victoria, Australia. Funeral Service to be held on Saturday October 24th at the Church of St Marys the Virgin, Marholme, Peterborough at 2.00pm.

BELL - On October 19th, at North Berwick, East Lothian, Lady Jean Bell, widow of Wing Commander Vivian Bell and much loved mother of Sheena, Vora, Douglas and Charlach. Funeral Service, 10.30am on Monday 26th October at Holy Trinity Church, Haddington.

BESTER - On September 30th, 1987, in Doylestown Pennsylvania, Alfred, critically acclaimed science-fiction writer. Donations can be made in his name to the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.

BROWNE - On October 19th, Ronald of West Kington, dearly loved husband of Marion and father of Anne. Service at Bath Crematorium on Monday 26th October at 3pm. Donations, instead of flowers in his memory, to The National Advertising Benevolent Society, 3 Crawford Place, London W1H 1JB.

CLIFFORD-BAYNES - On October 18th, peacefully at Harley Court Nursing Home, Sevenoaks, Jean Gwynn, aged 94, widow of Arthur (Stainless Stephen), loving grandmother of Andrew and Angus, and mother in law of Mary. Funeral at Chiddingstone Causeway Church, 11.00 am, Tuesday October 27th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Chiddingstone Church Roof Fund, to be sent to Underhayes 'D' Jehuson of Chiddingstone Causeway.

COATES - On October 17, peacefully in Wellington New Zealand, Doctor Violet Coates, aged 89; beloved wife of the late Patrick Coates and daughter of Doctor and Mrs Rains, Best Hill.

DE SAULLES - On October 18th, in hospital, Denys Hugh, much loved husband of Kate and father of Bernard, Annette, Stephen, Jacky, Tony, Martin and Tom. Funeral Service, 1.30 pm Friday October 23rd at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Staplefield, Sussex. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

FORBES - On October 19th, peacefully at home in Cambridge, Lachlan Maxwell, Private Cremation.

FENWICK-OWEN - On October 19th 1987, peacefully at home, Marion Bettina Maud (née Rawnsley) in her 98th year. Funeral service (family and close friends only due to restricted space) at Langney Priory Chapel, Langney, Eastbourne, Sussex on Monday, October 26th at 10.00 am, followed by interment. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to The British Talking Book Service for the Blind, C/O The Secretary, Mount Pleasant, Wembley, Middx HA0 1RR.

GALLOP - On October 17th 1987, peacefully in Newmarket Hospital, Suffolk, Ruth beloved wife of the late Doctor Edward Gallop and mother of Andrew and Margaret. The funeral will be at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday October 27th at 3.00pm.

GARTON - On October 17th, at Manormead, Hindhead, Elsie Serena, widow of Rev. Maurice Charles Garton and mother of Brian and Brenda. Funeral service, St. Alban's, Hindhead on Monday October 26th at 11.15 am; followed by cremation at Guildford. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to The Royal National Institute for the Blind.

HARTWRIGHT - On October 17th, suddenly after a long illness fought with great determination, Timothy Usher (Tim), adored husband of Wendy, proud, loving and much loved father of Jonathan, Tom and Helen. Service of Thanksgiving at Windlesham Church on Tuesday October 27th at 2 pm. No flowers or mourning please, donations if desired, to Paul Bevan Cancer Support Foundation, 50 High Street, Sunninghill, Berkshire.

HAYDON - On October 20th 1987, peacefully in her sleep, Thea, Wife of Jim (deceased), loving mother of Celia, Paul and Jenny. Family flowers only, Cremation Llandicat, Wirral, on Friday 23rd October 1987.

HEWERTSON - On October 20th 1987, at his home in Sanderstead, Cyril Hewertson O.B.E., beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend. Service at All Saints Church, Sanderstead on Wednesday October 28th at 2pm following private cremation. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, 1 South Audley St, London W1Y 5DQ.

HIBBSON - On October 20th 1987, peacefully at home in Thatchhill, Somerset, Jack, aged 78. Much loved father and grandfather. Formerly of the Colonial Agricultural Service. Funeral at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday 27th October, at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Intermediate Technology Development Group, C/o Julian Funeral Services, 62 South Street, Yeovil, Somerset. BA20 1QQ (0935 22883).

HOLDERNESS - The Right Reverend George Edward MAERD, on 21st October 1987, peacefully in York District Hospital, after a long illness courageously borne. Dearly loved husband of Irene and father of Anne, Susan and David. Private family interment at St. Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research. Memorial Service date to be announced later.

LEATHES - On October 20th, peacefully at home, Major-General Reginald C. deM. Leathes, C.B., M.V.O., O.B.E., Royal Marines, retired, aged 78. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations if so desired to the MacMillan Fund for Cancer Relief, 15-19 Britten St, SW3 3TZ. Service of Thanksgiving at St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, on November 26th at 12.00 noon.

LIEBECK - On October 20th, suddenly Walter, sadly missed by his loving wife Lisa and all the family. Cremation at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium at 1.00pm on Friday 23rd October.

LOUDON - On October 19th 1987, suddenly after a long illness bravely bourne, John Harridon (Jack) M.B.E. at Anna Victoria Nursing Home Frinton-on-Sea, dear husband of Betty and dearly loved brother of Nancy. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday October 26th at 12.15pm, in The Bedford Chapel. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Multiple Sclerosis Society, C/O The General Secretary, 25 Effie Road, Fulham, London SW6 1EE.

Mc GRATH - On October 18th 1987, peacefully after a bravely fought illness, Lorna. Beloved wife of Bob, devoted mother of Dreena, Bob and Gary, and grandmother of Angela, Graham, Simon, Charlotte and Sarah. Funeral 10 am Friday October 23rd at St. Joseph's Church, Epsom.

McLAREN - On Saturday October 17th, at home, William of 4 Northumberland Place, Edinburgh. Funeral service at Bowhill Cemetery, Cardenden, Kirkcaldy Fife, Friday 23rd October at 12 noon. Flowers to J.D.Hope, Funeral Directors, 39 London Street, Edinburgh.

MOCKRIDGE - On October 14th, peacefully at home in Horsted Keynes, Sussex, David George Christopher, aged 64. Funeral on Tuesday October 27th, 12 noon at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth. No flowers, please, but donations to National Hospital for Nervous Diseases Development Foundation, Queen Square, London, WC1 or Leukemia Research Foundation.

NELSON - On October 19th, peacefully after long but untroubled convalescence, near Winchester, Elaine Jesse Kay. She survived by her devoted and only son Graham of Manor House, Higher Eype, Bridport, Dorset. Funeral service on Tuesday 27th October at Southampton Crematorium at 3.30 pm (East Chapel). A Memorial Service will be held later at Symondsbury, Dorset. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Relief, c/o John Steel & Son, 6 Chesil St, Winchester.

NOLAN - On October 20th 1987, peacefully, Antony Raymond J. St Q. Lieutenant Commander RN retired. Dearly loved by Maureen, Antony, John and Maureen P. Service at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Queensway on Tuesday October 27th at 2.30pm. Followed by funeral at Kensal Green Cemetery at 3.30 pm.

SAKER - On October 19th, in Crawley hospital, after an illness bravely borne, Stella, wife of the late group captain W.J. Saker and mother of Bob, (deceased) and Myles. Service on Tuesday October 27th at 10.45am, at St Peter's, Cowfold Sussex, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St Peter's restoration fund, Cowfold.

SHELLEY - On October 19th 1987, Guy (Tim) M.B.E., peacefully with bravery and dignity at his home in Tisbeigh near Bradford upon Avon, aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Diana, father of David and Marilyn and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service and cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas' Church, Winsley on Friday October 23rd at 3 pm. Donations, in lieu of flowers, if desired, for Cancer Relief and BACUP, c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd, 5 Church St, Bradford upon Avon.

STEELE - On October 8th 1987, Greta Steele of Wimbledon and recently of Winchester, aged 88. Much loved mother of David and beloved sister, aunt and mother-in-law. Went to be with her Lord and Saviour. Service at St John's Crematorium, Hermitage Road, Woking on Monday October 26th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Scripture Union, 5 Wigmore street, London W1.

STEVENSON - On September 7th 1987, Hilda Mabel "Rudi", D.B.E., at home in Toorak, Melbourne, Australia. Beloved mother of Betty, mother-in-law of Craig Grainger. Grandmother of David and Robin. Much loved great grandmother of Peter, Sara, Timothy, Jeremy, Sam and John. Much loved "Rudi" of Julie and Suzanne. Much loved step-mother of John and Pamela. Mother-in-law of Ann and Peter and grandmother to their children. Private committal. John Allison/Monkhouse, Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 188, Mulgarve North, Victoria, Australia.

WINCHESTER - On October 16th 1987, in his 68th year, Dr Alexander Hugh Winchester MB, ChB, FRCS (Ed), DRCOG. Dearly loved father of Ian, Joyce Richards, Jane Miller and Fiona Pearce and grandfather and greatgrandfather. Formerly in general practice in Bexhill-on-Sea. Funeral Service at St Paul's, United Reformed Church, South Croydon, on Monday October 26th at 3.15pm. Followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations to the Friends of Bexhill Hospital may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George St, Croydon.

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HEALTH

Should home birth be encouraged – or, asks **Brigid McConville**, are hospitals the safest option for mother and child?

Happy birthday?

This weekend, at the Wembley Conference Centre in London, Britain will host the first international conference on home births. Michel Odent, Wendy Savage and Sheila Kitzinger will be among professional and lay speakers who are convinced that home births offer considerable improvements and benefits for all women. As 99 per cent of women giving birth now do so in hospital, they would seem to be fighting a losing battle.

Many other professionals say that, for most women, home births are not only impractical but undesirable. Robert Athay, honorary secretary of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, believes that the risks attached to home birth are such that he would not want his own wife or daughters to have one. "Ten to 15 per cent of cases in which women book for births at home or in an isolated GP unit, end up being transferred to specialist units," he says.

Sheila Kitzinger, long-established guru of the "natural birth" movement, says that women ring her up four or five times a week trying to get home births and that those who do get them are invariably from "comfortable" backgrounds. "They have other help in their homes, they have a loo and bathroom on the same floor as their bedroom." It follows that most home births are concentrated in the south of England.

One of the strongest advocates of home birth is the medical statistician Marjorie Tew, who will also be speaking at the conference. She says there is no evidence that well-regulated birth at home is less safe, although the official mortality rate for home births is higher than for hospital births. "This is because a significant number of home births are accidental, premature, or to people with social problems. The mortality rate for these women is very high and it raises the average for all home births."

The latest mortality figures for all deaths show that neonatal (in the first 28 days of life) mortality figures are 5.3 per 1,000 live births. UK perinatal (including stillbirths and death in the first week of life) are 9.9 per thousand. There is no shortage of theories about the best and safest way for a woman to give birth, yet many of those most intimately involved with the process – the consultants, obstetricians, midwives, GPs – have differing views.

The Times spoke to some of them to discover how, ideally, they believe women should give birth – and whether they, or their wives, followed their recommendations.

THE GP



Godfrey Fowler is a practising GP and head of the department of community medicine at Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary.

Ideally . . .
"Most healthy women are at low risk and do not need the facilities of a high tech obstetric unit. Women may be better off and less anxious in a natural, more relaxed environment.

"If it is a first baby and the woman is normal and healthy, we would offer her a birth in a GP unit which is in the same hospital as the consultant unit. But she would be cared for by the same GP and midwife team throughout. For a second baby, if the first were a normal delivery and the social circumstances were OK, we could book her at home.

"A problem of the change in fashion to hospital deliveries is that many doctors don't get the opportunity to participate in home deliveries and so they lose their skills and their competence."

In practice . . .
"My wife suffered from being a doctor's wife. She was persuaded to have her first baby in hospital in a consultant unit. This was 20 years ago and she did not enjoy the experience.

"She had our second child at home, delivered by a GP and a midwife. She needed much less pain relief in the second delivery as she felt much more relaxed. If we were to have more children we would be happy to have them at home."

THE CONSULTANT



Victor Lewis is Senior Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Watford General Hospital in Hertfordshire. By January 1988 its maternity unit will contain the most advanced diagnostic equipment in the country.

Ideally . . .
"The doctor's role is to give his opinion and not to permit a patient to tell him what should be done. For the best ante-natal care you need to have a patient booked in to hospital fairly early, to be seen at regular intervals by the same person. The biggest cause of the loss of babies these days is death in late pregnancy.

"Ideally, a patient should be monitored right through her labour. She should be looked after and delivered by a midwife. But midwives are for normal labours; doctors are to deal with complications.

"Women's Libbers say that doctors interfere too much. But one in four births needs assistance."

In practice . . .
"I wouldn't dream of having home confinements. My three children were born in hospital. One was a breech birth and there was talk of a Caesarean. Another was delivered by Keillands forceps. My wife had epidurals for each birth and was monitored throughout. Her labours were long and not easy. She's the typical doctor's wife."



John Rogers

Vivienne Parry: 'Nothing would induce me to have a home birth. Hospital to me is a friendly place to be'

THE BIRTHRIGHT ORGANIZER

Vivienne Parry is National Organizer for Birthright, the charity which funds medical research for the better health of women and their babies. She is expecting her second child at any time.

Ideally . . .
"We get a lot of letters from women and those who are the most disappointed are the ones with great ideals. Nine times out of 10 the birth turns out to be different from what they had planned. You've got to be flexible.

"Nothing would induce me to have a home birth. Hospital to me is a friendly place to be as I'm used to the hospital environment. But choice is important. Birthright is all about the joy of a healthy baby. If your ideals of birth mean you are suffering and too exhausted to enjoy that baby, it's very sad."

In practice . . .
"My first child was born at St Mary's hospital in Paddington. I was an NHS patient delivered by Mr Pinker (the consultant who delivered Prince William and Prince Harry). The baby was a posterior presentation, so I had an epidural. It was wonderful.

"I had a lovely relationship right from the start with my son – partly because I wasn't exhausted and I hadn't been racked with pain. I'm going back to St Mary's and if the going gets rough I'll have another epidural."

THE NCT TEACHER

Alison Hefferman gives classes about childbirth to pregnant women as a teacher for the National Childbirth Trust.

Ideally . . .
"In the NCT we're supportive of the home birth movement, but it's not true that we are all about drugless, non-interventionist labour. The NCT is for all mothers.

"I feel great sadness for the devaluation of the midwife. A midwife gets a much better, three dimensional picture of labour through her hands and ear trumpet than through the one dimensional picture on a monitor screen.

"I feel very strongly that women ought to know the effect of the drugs they take in labour and that they need to feel comfortable in the place they are in."

In practice . . .
"I had my first baby in hospital, very rapidly after a three-hour labour. I was absolutely terrified by the speed of it. I am sure my NCT teacher did talk about short labours, but I just didn't take it in.

"My second baby was born inadvertently at home. My labour progressed so quickly that I told my husband I was going to stay put and he got on the phone to our GP. My husband delivered the baby, but our midwife, GP and consultant were all there within a very short time.

"I decided to go to hospital for my third baby. I enjoyed this birth most. I had all the possible support from my midwife and obstetrician."

THE HOSPITAL MIDWIFE



Margaret Washington has been a midwife at the John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital in Oxford for eight years and is a parentcraft teacher.

Ideally . . .
"As a midwife you know what problems can crop up – from foetal distress to haemmorrhage. Your pain threshold may not be as high as you had expected and you may need an epidural. So mainly I think that hospital birth is best.

"The Domino (Domiciliary In and Out) scheme is ideal, where the same midwife looks after you during the pregnancy and delivers you in either a GP unit or in consultant beds. It's the best of both worlds: a safe environment for delivery and you get home about six hours after the birth.

"In labour you want to have a midwife that you know and trust. Confidence is so important. And you want the same midwife to care for you through pregnancy, birth and post-natally.

"Preparation beforehand is also very important. If you know what to expect, anxiety, and so the pain, is less. I would like to see parentcraft classes in three stages – for early pregnancy, for labour and post-natally."

In practice . . .
"My first labour was the pits. I was 12 days late so I went into the John Radcliffe to be induced.

"The baby's bowels had opened *in utero*, so I was monitored throughout – which I agreed to. But the baby was in a posterior position and in the end I had an epidural, a Keillands forceps delivery, an episiotomy and stitches. Then I had a post-partum haemmorrhage. It was a bit harrowing.

"My second delivery, also at the John Radcliffe, was my ideal. I had a three and a half hour labour, no pain relief, a normal delivery and no stitches. My midwife was so supportive that I didn't need drugs. She delivered me on the floor, leaning against the bean bag.

"I still hanker for a home delivery, but my husband would not be happy with it."

THE RADICAL MIDWIFE



Jilly Rosser is an independent midwife, practising outside the NHS. She is also information worker for the Midwives Information and Resource Service, MIDIRS, and a member of the Association of Radical Midwives. She was recently suspended by the North-East Thames Regional Health Authority after an emergency case in which she accompanied a haemorrhaging woman to the Whittington Hospital, Highgate, north London, by car (a five-minute journey) rather than waiting for the regulation obstetric flying squad ambulance (20 minutes away). An investigating committee hears her case this week.

Ideally . . .
"Midwives are the guardians of the normal in childbirth, whereas research shows that for some doctors, job satisfaction leaps when they can intervene.

"To be absolutely safe, no intervention should be used unless positively indicated. Some consultants insist on routine intervention like rupturing the membranes. But the birth process is very finely tuned and we don't know what effect intervention has.

"Recent trials show that even monitoring can be harmful as it leads to a high Caesarean section rate. The second highest cause of maternal deaths in the UK is by anaesthesia.

"The woman should be in surroundings and with attendants she chooses and is comfortable with. Pain relief is a very individual thing, and I believe a woman should have whatever she wants."

In Practice . . .
"My daughter was born 16 months ago. I asked a friend – an independent midwife – to care for me at home. I had a long, slow labour, and resisted going into hospital until after two days there was evidence of foetal distress.

"The ambulance ride was all I needed, and the labour got cracking. I had a normal birth with no drugs, and was home a few hours later.

"I had always thought that going to a hospital would be a failure, but I knew I needed it and I wasn't disappointed. Women don't resent interventions when they are required. I would certainly want to have my next baby at home."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Disappointed with Nancy

Nancy Reagan's operation has demonstrated the value of mammography (breast X-rays) in detecting breast cancer at a stage when there is a better than 90 per cent chance of surviving for 10 years, and when most women will be able to have a comparatively minor operation, known as lumpectomy, instead of a disfiguring mastectomy.

Mrs Reagan's doctors were probably able to make a pre-operative radiological diagnosis of cancer with near certainty after comparing this year's X-rays with those taken earlier, and finding changes.

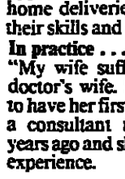
Not all breast cancers show characteristic signs on X-ray, and many lumps which have a suspicious X-ray appearance are found to be benign. Biopsy is performed after the lump has been carefully marked. The breast is viewed under direct X-ray and the suspicious spot marked with cross wires. Surprisingly, although the nipple and its surrounding areola and to a lesser extent the breast skin are sensitive, breast tissue itself is very insensitive and only a local anaesthetic is needed for the necessary marking.

Dr Patricia Last, who is in charge of BUPA's screening services for women, shares the disappointment of many American doctors and women's organizations that Mrs Reagan decided to have an extended mastectomy.

Her tumour was small (only a third of an inch), was unattached to skin or to deeper tissues, and showed no signs of spread, so that it would have seemed an ideal case for lumpectomy. By opting for this she would have encouraged those women who delay seeing their doctors for fear of a mutilating operation to come forward at a time when the prognosis is so good.

Recent work by doctors from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York has shown that when limited surgery is supported by radiotherapy, the chances of local recurrence are halved and distant spread less likely.

Spleen dangers



This is the time of year when the victims of car accidents are joined in the trauma wards by casualties from the football and hunting fields. Many of the patients will have abdominal injuries often associated with a ruptured, bleeding spleen. The spleen is a highly vascular organ which forms part of the body's immune defences.

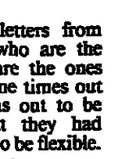
It lies next to the stomach in the upper left-hand corner of the abdominal cavity. In the past, as the immune system has considerable spare capacity, surgeons have adopted a rather cavalier attitude to the preservation of a bleeding spleen and have tended to remove it, which is quick and safe, rather than try to patch and repair it.

In the last 30 years, however, doctors have become increasingly aware that, spare capacity or not, in some patients removal of the spleen renders patients liable to overwhelming post-splenectomy infection in which they can succumb to what would otherwise have been a comparatively minor infection.

Recent reviews on present medical thinking in *The Lancet* and *Hospital Doctor* emphasize the need to reassess the case for preservation of the spleen. About 1.2 per cent of children who have the operation following an injury will later (sometimes much later) die from infection, although in adults the figure is much lower (0.28 per cent). These long-term risks have to be balanced against the dangers of recurrent bleeding after an inadequate repair operation.

Unfortunately the spleen often has to be removed in patients who suffer from some forms of chronic blood disease; in these cases removing the enlarged spleen is an essential part of the treatment. Thereafter, patients are particularly liable to suffer from overwhelming post-splenectomy infection and must rush for the antibiotics even faster than those who have had their spleen removed following an injury.

Delayed action



Actor Simon Ward's subdural haemorrhage, or blood clot, was of the acute type and followed a blow which was heavy enough to fracture the skull. More frequently a subdural haematoma is of the chronic type, which often stems from a trivial injury sustained weeks or even months earlier and forgotten.

Chronic haematomas are particularly likely to form in patients whose brains have shrunk with age or alcohol; they characteristically give rise to headaches which get progressively worse, changes in mood, drowsiness, and eventually fluctuating levels of consciousness.

The subdural haematoma forms between the outermost of the three layers of membrane which cover the brain. The clot is relatively easy to evacuate and thereafter the brain tissue, if it hasn't been compressed for too long, rapidly expands.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Looking after the carers

Much research has been done on multiple sclerosis but, until now, little has been done to help patients' families

Ian Billinghurst

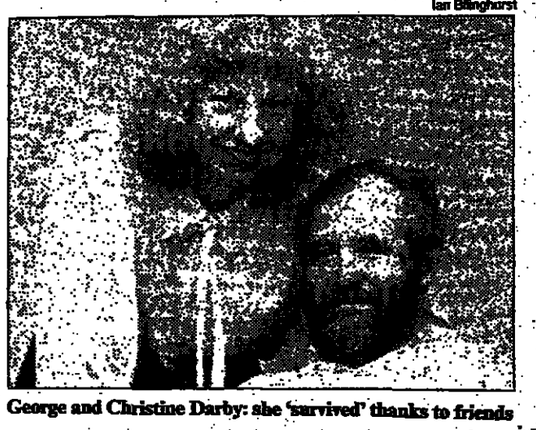
According to the latest survey on multiple sclerosis – by Bernie O'Brien, of Brunel University – MS sufferers are living longer. If this seems at odds with the death of the cellist Jacqueline du Pré at the age of 42, it must be remembered that Miss du Pré had been suffering, for 14 years, from a particularly severe form of MS.

Professor Ian McDonald, Britain's specialist in MS and professor of clinical neurology at the Institute of Neurology, says, "A very small proportion, less than 10 per cent, with severe MS die prematurely. I have never seen anyone die of MS, people usually die through complications of immobility and in younger patients this is often due to pneumonia or septicaemia following bladder or kidney infections."

Increased longevity is due in part to better care, and 90 per cent of that care for Britain's 100,000 MS sufferers comes from friends and family. But very little is known about the problems the carers face.

A research project is being launched this month by Brunel University to tap the experience of the carers, with a view to producing a booklet by next April on ways to help carers understand and cope.

Ian Robinson, who is running the project from Brunel University, undertook a survey of 3,000 helpers and supporters of MS people. Problems included sufferers' marriages breaking up soon after the diagnosis, and unhappy partners remaining married due to the carer's loyalty, but often with growing feelings of resentment.



George and Christine Darby: she 'survived' thanks to friends

Christine Darby's reaction to the news that her husband, George, had MS, was to have children as quickly as possible as sufferers can develop sexual difficulties. However, the pressures of coping with George and with two young children began to tell.

"Thanks to an incredibly kind and practical neighbour and many marvellous friends, I survived. They didn't 'cluck' about my case, unlike social workers and doctors. They rolled up their sleeves and worked, helping with washing, cleaning and taking the children out so that I could rest."

Christine found that lifting was a major problem. She has enlisted the help of Jane Pennick, a physiotherapist, to write a book of practical hints on how to lift correctly and how to strengthen back muscles. The result is *Keeping Fit While Caring* (£3.45, available from the Family Welfare Association, 501 Kingsland Road, London E8 4AU).

Over the last two years Julia Segal, an MS counsellor working with the Central Middlesex Hospital Action for Research into Multiple Sclerosis (ARMS) unit, has helped 200 families face the fear which surrounds MS and the particular fear of what the disease will mean to the family. "The carer can feel loving yet trapped and undermined, while the person with MS can be caught in negative feelings," she says.

The Brunel University project has been devised to give as many carers as possible the opportunity to take part. There are five ways of participating: at the simplest level, writing down anonymously seven issues which the carer feels are important; writing about particular problems or solutions; writing a life-history; joining a group to discuss issues about living with and helping an MS sufferer; and finally, agreeing to read and comment on material written by the researchers.

Peta Levi

Carers wishing to participate should write to: Department of Human Science, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 3PH (tel: 0895 74000).

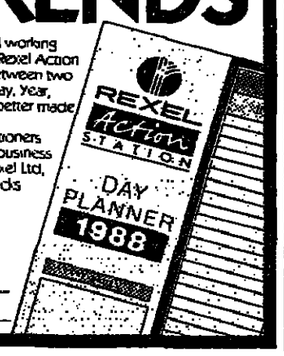
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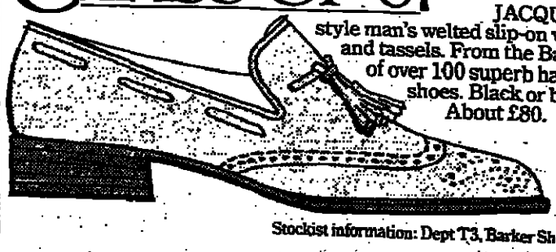
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Motor show on the right road

After a controversial start, the Motorfair is a popular and well-supported event in the driving calendar

The Motorfair at London's Earls Court has come a long way since its controversial beginning in 1977. For a time it seemed that the first show would be the last. Today it has overcome its pioneering problems and is now firmly established with manufacturers, dealers and the public.

Even though the location of the show ensures that it is still essentially a show for southerners, the biennial Motorfair had an attendance of 316,000 in 1985. This compares favourably with the 700,000 attendance at the much bigger 1986 International Motor Show at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre. Most of the world's car-makers will be at this year's Motorfair, from today to November 1, entailing a 30 per cent increase in display area.

An indication of the show's growing importance is the number of manufacturers who have chosen it for the first public airing of new models. There is also increasing commitment to the show by accessory manufacturers. In the past they have tended to leave representation to their dealers, but this year, manufacturers are running an in-car entertainment village. Another first for Motorfair is the Motor Sport Day, which will be held next Tuesday. Exhibits will highlight all types of motor-racing and rallying. Many famous competition cars will be displayed. The family motorist and sports enthusiast, alike, are catered for by six stands featuring classic, custom, vintage and competition cars.

But the biggest attraction is the ability to *buy* new cars at the show. Unlike the established international shows, including the NEC, the stands are manned by dealers eager to take orders for cars on display. At the 1985 show, orders worth £30 million were taken.

In the early 1970s, when the British Motor Show moved from its traditional but increasingly cramped home at Earls Court to the spacious NEC, adjoining Birmingham airport, it was a bitter blow to Londoners. The vocal lobby that had opposed the move refused to admit defeat. It began to campaign for a London motor show and found a champion in the *Daily Express* newspaper, which in 1977 organized a London show.

The move led to near-panic among motor manufacturers. On the one hand they were interested in some kind of London-based show because of the enormous market potential in the densely populated capital. On the other, the NEC show provided the bulk of the funds needed to run their own trade organization, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

A compromise solution saw the manufacturers staying in the background while selected dealers exhibited and staffed the show stands. But behind the scenes the row continued between the organizers and the society. The argument that a London show would operate in alternate years with the Motor show proper did not sway it. It countered by pointing out that manufacturers' finances were already strained by the existing biennial show and would not stretch to annual events.

The fact that the London show was dealer-oriented was similarly discounted. The society said its members were not prepared to leave stand design and product display in the hands of dealers, however well-meaning.

But the fact remained that the 1977 event demonstrated that demand existed for some kind of London show. So talks continued, eventually proving successful.

The society was given two seats on the organizing committee and an undisclosed percentage of the profits. One of its two new committee members was Gerry Kunz, the society's head of exhibitions, and the show benefited from the experience of one of the most widely respected motor show organizers on the international circuit.

With the obstacles now removed, the manufacturers began to take a more public role. They book and pay for space, design and control stands, exhibits, promotion and publicity. The difference from international shows is that the stands are staffed by a selected group of dealers, usually chosen from London and the South-West.

Traditional motor shows of the NEC type cause mass upheaval for manufacturers. So many senior executives are required to be onhand to deal with the media, big fleet customers, visiting VIPs including royalty and leading politicians, that the only solution is to set up temporary stands.

Teams of secretaries are drafted in from the home base to staff the offices and the communications equipment. It is a very costly business. It is estimated that the major manufacturers budget for about £350,000 a show. Motorfair is much less costly for them. It operates on a smaller scale, uses dealers to man stands instead of staff, and requires the presence only of senior executives on a couple of days.

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October is also neatly sandwiched between the Frankfurt Motor Show in early September and the Tokyo Show next month. This allows hard-pressed stand organizers and designers to allocate more time to the London show. Sadly for a motor show, visiting by car is not advisable; Earls Court parking space is limited.

Clifford Webb

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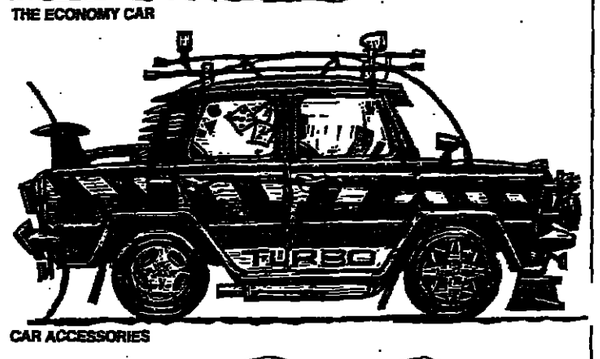


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This is how the Motorfair has been proclaimed on 330 poster sites. Mark Reddy was responsible for the original idea, which was illustrated by Andrew Mockett

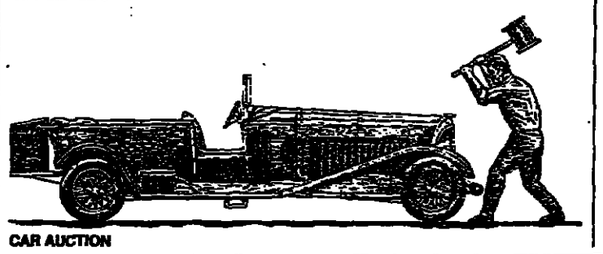
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Car firms drive out of trouble

After too many years in the doldrums, happier times are returning in the motor trade, *writes Clifford Webb.* New-car sales are heading for a record year and profits are increasing to such an extent that investors are again active in the retail car business. Several privately owned dealer groups have achieved listed and unlisted stock market quotations.

ing now? This year's forecast of 2 million new-car registrations will be the third in succession that has achieved a trading record.

The problem which brought much of the car trade to its knees, including many closures, was the widespread factory-initiated discounting which began with the volume car-makers but spread to up-market marques including, for a short time, even Rolls-Royce.

Discounting was so intense that some dealers were giving customers the whole of their 17 per cent average profit margin and relying for meagre profits on the bonuses paid by manufacturers for beating monthly sales targets.

With the end of the month in sight and the target not reached, it was a regular practice to register unsold cars to inflate new-car registration figures. Do that for any length of time and stock problems become a nightmare.

Austin Rover, Vauxhall and Ford were all chasing sales whatever the cost. Two years ago Ford, easily the most profitable of the Big Three, made its first operating loss for more than a decade. Vauxhall seemed to be going great guns with its market share doubled to 16 per cent and threatening to overtake Austin Rover as runner-up to Ford. But the price was too high and losses mounted.

A new chief executive, John Bagshaw, brought more realism to sales, so Vauxhall could make an operating profit this year. But it will be at the expense of market share. In September it was down to 9.28 per cent, the lowest since March 1982.

Graham Day, the chairman of Austin Rover, is equally adamant that market share will no longer be bought at the expense of profits. Like Vauxhall, his company's share has fallen alarmingly. Last month it was 13.1 per cent, the lowest since December 1984.

Freed of the worst excesses of the discount battle, though not entirely, Ford is going great guns. Its September share of 32.7 per cent was the best for nearly two years and its average for the first nine months was only a shade under 29 per cent.

Another high-flyer is the French Peugeot-Citroën group with two models in the Top Ten list. Between them, the two marques are holding 8 per cent plus. With attractive new models, including the much-acclaimed Peugeot 405, going on sale here soon, they are poised to challenge Vauxhall which is suffering from the delayed arrival of the new Cavalier, now due next year.

Vauxhall's new flagship Senator has been well-received and should claw back some of the sales lost to Ford's Granada. But numbers in the big-car class are necessarily small and until the new Cavalier arrives Vauxhall will be hard-pressed to hold its ground.

The German manufacturers — Volkswagen-Audi, Mercedes-Benz and Porsche — are struggling to keep prices under control in the face of rising German labour costs

With total Japanese sales restricted to 11 per cent of the British market by the long-running so called "voluntary agreement" between the two motor industries, most Japanese companies have only one way to increase profits — move further up-market where the margins per car are more lucrative. To achieve this, they are pouring new and technically advanced models into Britain.

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The exceptions are Nissan and Honda. With its new British plant progressing quickly towards the 60 per cent local content required for its cars to be counted as EEC products, Nissan is expanding its dealer network to cope with unfettered sales.

Honda is already benefitting from its links with Austin Rover, which guarantee an increasing flow of cars assembled at AR's Cowley and Longbridge factories.

Fears that record 407,333 sales in August would swamp the trade with part-exchange cars do not appear to be justified. *Glass's Guide*, the trade's best-known reference books on prices, said recently that the growing number of motorists selling their cars privately was depriving the trade of good, low-mileage cars.

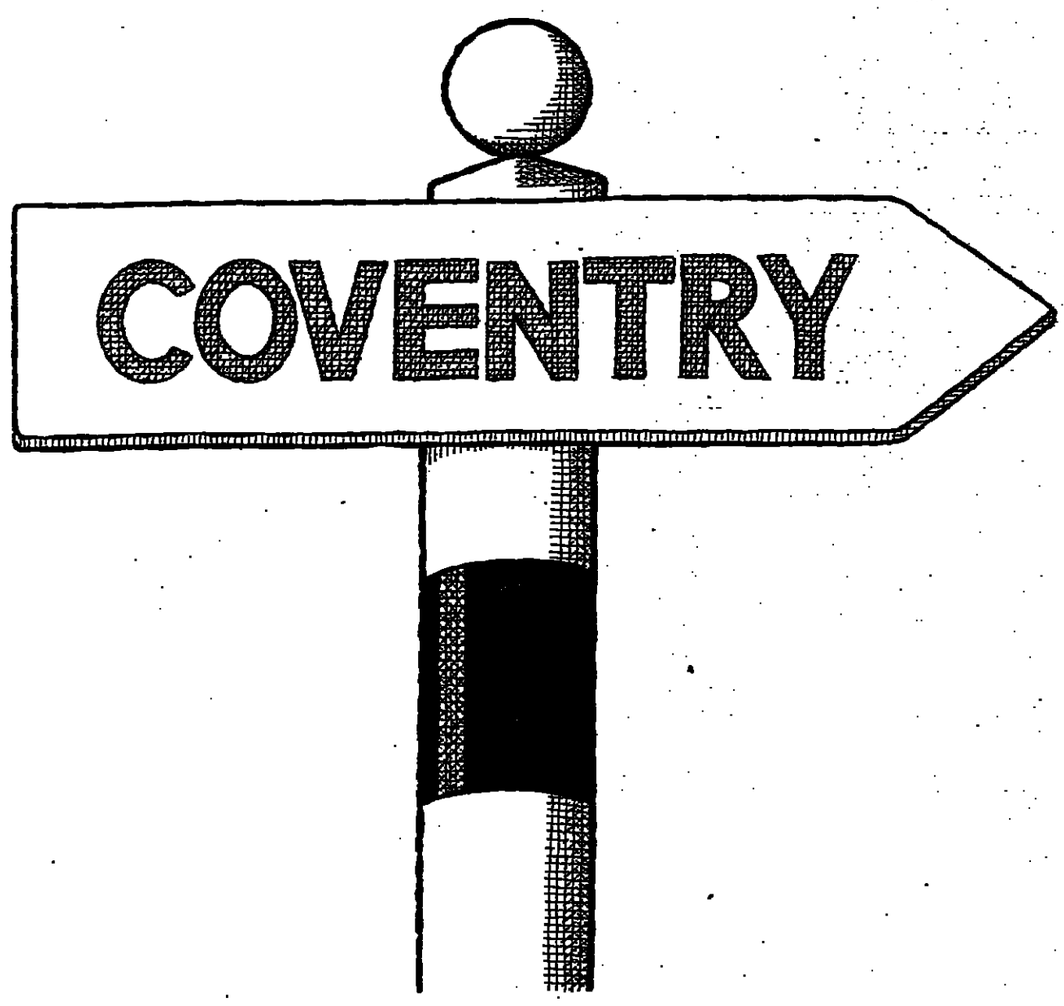
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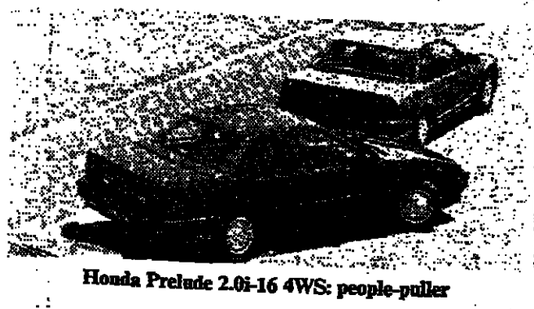
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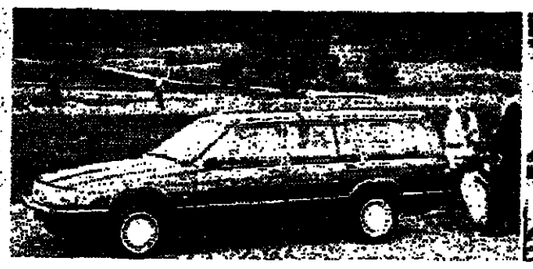
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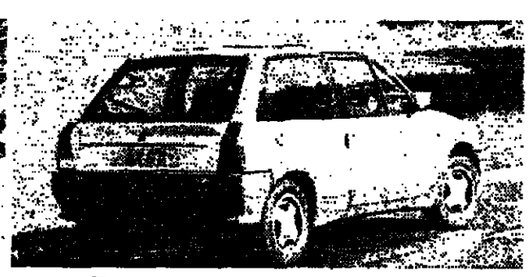
Honda Prelude 2.0i-16 4WS: people-puller



Volvo 760: softer edges for the estate



Peugeot 405: first British public airing



Citroën AX GT: world debut for fast mini

From fantasy to grocery trips, a car for everyone

What new cars can the public see at the Motorfair? Clifford Webb provides a guide to some that have caught his eye and that are likely to intrigue British buyers.

HONDA

■ Honda is showing three new models, all making their British debut. Top of the list, because it is replacing one of the best small-medium cars in the business, is the Civic. Lower, longer and wider than before, it is powered by a choice of 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6 engines, all with four valves per cylinder. Ride has been improved by the introduction of a double-wishbone suspension system similar to that on larger Honda models.

A new Prelude coupé will attract the crowds eager to see the first four-wheel steering on a mass-produced car. A cut-away of the Prelude 2.0i-16 will show 4WS in operation.

A new coupé version of the Legend executive saloon is said to be the most luxurious Honda yet, with the company's new three-channel, anti-lock braking system, a dual-mode, four-speed automatic gearbox offering a choice of normal or sport change-up points and a 2.7-litre version of the 2.5-litre V6.

VOLVO

■ New versions of the Volvo 760 range of luxury saloons and estates are intended to widen the gap between these flagship models and the less-costly 740 series. The wings now slope more steeply towards a shallower grille and are more rounded to reduce the aggressive, razor-edged appearance of the present model. The considerable weight of the big steel bonnet has been cut by 50 per cent by substituting alloy. It is also more unswept at the rear to provide a fairing for bigger windscreen wipers. Wider headlamps incorporate the auxiliary lights.

A new microprocessor-controlled air-conditioner includes a solar heat sensor on the top of the dashboard to compensate for sunshine.

A new split multi-link suspension at the rear is said to give a softer ride and improved handling. Anti-lock brakes are now standard on all 760s.

PEUGEOT

The new Peugeot 405 has its first public airing in Britain at the show. This latest French challenger in the competitive five-seater family saloon sector has been on sale in France since July but will not reach here before January.

It will, however, have far-reaching implications, not only for Peugeot's sales here but also for job prospects at the company's Ryton factory near Coventry, where it will be produced side by side with the smaller Peugeot 309. Up to 5,000 405s are being built in readiness for launch day. Between the end of October and the middle of next year 1,000 new jobs are expected to be created in the jobs-starved Midlands. Within 18 months it is planned to introduce a second shift, doubling production to 2,500 cars a week.

The 405 is attractively styled and has one of the biggest boots in its class. Ryton will produce 1.4, 1.6 and 1.9 litre versions, all front-wheel drive.

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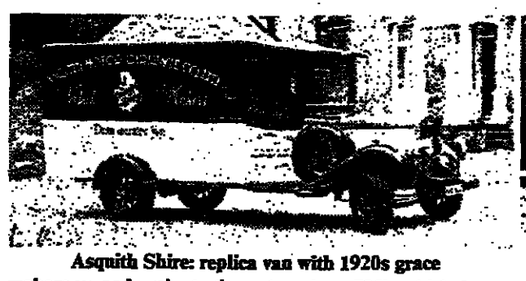
■ A new 112-mph version of the recently launched Citroën AX supermini makes its world debut at the show. The AX GT will be on sale in Britain early next year, probably at a little under £7,000. Citroën claims that the 85-hp, 1360cc, all-alloy engine gives the car a 20 per cent better power-to-weight ratio than its nearest competitor, enabling it to reach 60 mph from a standstill in under nine seconds.

Bernard Peloux, managing director of Citroën UK, says: "The AX range has already exceeded our sales targets, with over 45,000 sold since the UK launch."

Other Citroën exhibits include a new 160hp BX GTi 16-valve "hot-hatch" and two record-breaking diesel cars. The CX 25 DTR Turbo is Britain's fastest and most powerful diesel car, while the smaller BX is the best-selling diesel.

ASQUITH

■ The nostalgically named Asquith Motor Carriage Company is adding 1920s elegance to the predominantly 1980s-oriented-show with two of its much-acclaimed replica vans. Despite the brass, leather, mahogany and walnut, they have up-to-date chassis, engines and running gear. Since 1982, more than 200 Asquiths have been sold, many of them exported to Europe, the US and Scandinavia.



Asquith Shire: replica van with 1920s grace

MAZDA

■ The new Japanese Mazda 626, making its British debut, is a formidable contender for established upper-medium leaders such as the Ford Sierra and Vauxhall Cavalier. With a choice of three bodies, it is an improvement on an already popular predecessor. There are 16 variants to choose from, starting with the 1.8 LX saloon at £8,179 and culminating in the high-performance GT coupé at £12,949.

There are three new engines, including Mazda's first three-valves-a-cylinder 2-litre, and a high-performance version with four valves and fuel injection. The latter takes the GT coupé to 128 mph. A new four-speed automatic transmission is available as an optional extra on GLX models as an alternative to the standard five-speed manual.

BMW

■ The BMW stand will be a Mecca for speed enthusiasts and those fascinated by the engineering excellence expressed in the Munich company's stunning new 5-litre V12 engined 750i. It is the first 12 cylinder from BMW for nearly 50 years. The display model is a long wheelbase, top-of-the-range car due here next month. This compares with £33,975 for the most luxurious 735i, which has a six-cylinder engine.

BMW has deliberately limited the 12's output to achieve a maximum speed of about 155 mph to emphasize its role as a luxury car and not a road-racer. However, private tuning firms are queuing to get their hands on it.

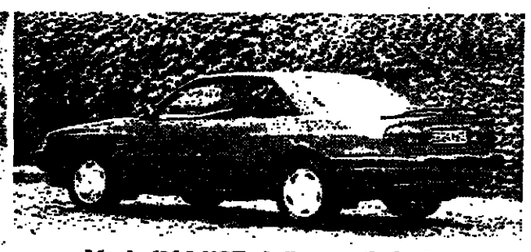
Another attraction is the 325i 2.5-litre Touring. A cross between a hatchback and an estate car, it is the company's first departure from its traditional saloon concept since the 2000ti was withdrawn in 1974, after only four years in production.

SEAT

■ Seat, the Spanish car maker, recently acquired by Volkswagen, is showing two new variants of its best-selling Ibiza, the Ibiza Designer 900 and Ibiza Brio. These are the first five-door versions to reach Britain. The Brio has been given the "go faster" treatment with a styling kit by PFEBA of West Germany.

TOYOTA

■ Toyota continues to attract the attention of performance-conscious buyers with a new 140 mph turbo-charged, four-wheel-drive version of the highly acclaimed 2 litre Celica GT. It is being shown now ahead of schedule to whet appetites for its British launch next April. The already outstanding double overhead camshaft engine with four valves a cylinder has been turbocharged and fitted with an intercooler to increase output to 186 bhp, with 190 lb ft of torque. Four-wheel drive with a viscous coupling-controlled centre differential, helps to keep the extra power on the road.



Mazda 626 2.0iGT: challenge to the leaders

It is likely to be the first car to go on general sale here which must be run on lead-free petrol. The Celica GT-four is designed primarily for the US market and equipped with a clean exhaust catalytic converter which would be destroyed by leaded petrol.

Of wider appeal is the sixth generation of Corolla models which will be on display in three, four and five door guise, offering a choice of 1.3 and 1.6 multi-valve engines.

VAUXHALL-OPEL

■ Five new versions of existing models will be seen for the first time on the Vauxhall-Opel stand. The Nova GTE goes on sale next spring to provide the company's smallest model with a performance version. Powered by a 1.6-litre injected engine, it accelerates from 0-60 mph in under 9.5 seconds and tops 115 mph.

New Cavalier LX models are available in saloon and hatchback forms with a choice of 1.6 and 1.8 engines. The specification includes sports wheels, tinted glass, sunroof, 5-speed gearbox and alloy wheels.

A new, limited edition Cavalier Calibre saloon is aimed at the image-conscious buyer. Appearance has been considerably changed by the use of Irmscher body panels, integrated front grille, bumper and spoiler, integrated rear bumper and spoiler and a boot-mounted spoiler. Power comes from the 130 bhp fuel-injected, 2-litre engine, introduced earlier this year. It has a top speed of 120 mph and will reach 60 mph in 9.5 seconds. It will be on the market next month at £13,127.

Special-edition Astra and Belmont Jubilee models are introduced to mark the 25th anniversary of Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port plant.

Much interest, however, will centre on the new Senator executive saloon. Three versions will be shown.

RENAULT

■ Visitors to the Renault stand will be torn between making a beeline for the slick Vesta 2 car of the future and the 141 mph Renault 21 2L Turbo, coming direct from France in left-hand drive form to give the British an early look before it goes on sale here in a few month's time. The Vesta is a one-off project developed under pressure from the French government with the aim of achieving a minimum of 94 miles a gallon. In fact, earlier this year it returned an astonishing 145.6 mpg, driven over the Bordeaux-Paris autoroute at an average 62.6 mph. It is powered by a tiny 716cc, three-cylinder engine, giving a top speed of 87mph.

MITSUBISHI

■ Mitsubishi is showing two new models making their British debut. The Galant Sapporo is a 2.4-litre, 4-door sports saloon with anti-lock brakes, electronic control of power-steering and suspension. The latter is a sophisticated computer-controlled system which enables car-to-ground height to be selected manually or automatically, depending on conditions.

The new overhead camshaft engine of 2351cc capacity has the famous Mitsubishi twin-balancer "silent shafts" which counter-rotate at twice the crankshaft speed to balance out noise and vibration. The company claims this makes the new four-cylinder as smooth as more costly and more thirsty six and eight cylinder engines.

The second newcomer is the latest version of the 143 mph Starion 2+2 turbo coupé. The 177 bhp engine, with a water-cooled turbocharger, has set high standards for performance and durability since it appeared in 1985. However, the chassis was hard-pressed to cope with power and it is to remedy that shortcoming that the new wide-bodied Starion is now being launched.

MERCEDES-BENZ

■ A pair of attractive new coupés from Mercedes-Benz will bring the crowds to their stand. The 230CE and 300 CE round off the successful new mid-range series of 2 and 3 litre saloons and estates.

The 2.3-litre, four-cylinder, fuel-injected engine in the 230CE has already made a name for itself in the 230E saloon. It gives the newcomer a top speed of 121 mph and reaches 62 mph (100 kph) in 10.6 seconds. The 3-litre, six-cylinder 300CE has a top speed of 134 mph and accelerates to 62 mph in 8.2 seconds.

Britain has long been a good market for coupés, appealing particularly to professional people who buy their own cars. Like all coupés they cost more than the saloons from which they are derived. The 230 CE is £23,800 and the 300 CE £30,100.

AUSTIN ROVER

■ Austin Rover is unveiling a new limited edition of the Metro, the 1275 Sport. Costing a competitive £5,799, it is aimed at those enthusiasts who want more performance but cannot stretch their budget to £6,788 for the MG Metro. The exterior and interior styling is unique to the Sport. The interior features sports seats similar to those in the MG and there is also a tachometer and sports steering wheel with the Sport logo on the centre boss. Maximum speed is claimed to be 103 mph, 0-60 mph 10.9 seconds.

HYUNDAI

■ International Motors, the West Bromwich-based group which imports Japanese and South Korean cars and light commercials, is using the 1988 Olympics to be held in Seoul as the theme of its Hyundai stand. Of the 12 cars on show, seven will be limited edition Gold and Silver Medal models from the Stellar and Pony ranges. They have gold or silver paintwork, colour-keyed side stripes and Olympic-torch badging.

SUBARU

■ The Subaru stand emphasizes its pioneering role in bringing "on demand" four-wheel drive to Britain. Eight of the nine models on display have four-wheel drive. The group's newest franchise is Isuzu, Japan's oldest but probably least known motor manufacturer. On show is the Trooper Outback which for two years running was chosen four-wheel drive "Wagon of the Year" by the Australian *Bushdriver* magazine. There is also a new version of the high-performance Piazza Coupé.

FORD

■ Ford's success with the Sierra LX, an L with a cost-effective package of extras, has persuaded it to extend the X treatment to its Escort, Orion and Granada models. For £386 more than the Escort L retail price, the new LX has a sunroof, tinted glass, rev counter, digital clock, rear-window radio aerial, special wheel covers, wider tyres and a five-speed gearbox.

The new Granada Ghia X slots nicely into the Granada range between the Ghia and flagship Scorpio models. The specification includes cruise control, electrically heated windscreen, bigger tyres and wheels, anti-theft alarm, fuel computer and headlight washers. Prices start at £14,633 for the 2-litre injected version.

Contracting for a lion's share of the market

Substantial growth in contract hire – probably running at nearly a fifth more than in the previous 12 months, though some estimates go higher – has been the most notable trend in car financing during the past year.

Almost 1 million of Britain's company cars are estimated to be rented, leased or on contract hire, with contract hire accounting for the lion's share at two-thirds or more.

With the most comprehensive forms of contract hire, the client company gets the car of its choice and virtually has to worry only about filling it with petrol and ensuring the driver does the simple routine checks such as checking tyre pressures. Even insurance cover and road tax can be in the contract deal.

Contract hire typically covers not only the financing of a vehicle but also servicing and the provision of back-up vehicles, as well as eventual sale at the contract's end.

There is conflicting evidence of how far the growth in contract hire has been at the expense of finance leasing. This is a comparatively simple form of paying for a car with a financing company putting up the cash for a vehicle while the operator takes on all subsequent responsibilities including servicing and the eventual sale.

Car leasing was up 40 per cent to £814 million during the 1986 calendar year, according to the Equipment Leasing Association. This was surprising given the ending in April last year of the Inland Revenue's capital allowances system for cars which essentially had been at the root of the success of finance leasing.

Some other leasing sectors, including that for commercial vehicles, did drop, by about 5 per cent, but one suggestion was that car leasing had grown because of the flood of privatized public sector organizations choosing leasing for their fleets.

Existing fleets can also be taken into a leasing deal. But the improved reliability of cars also means that a used vehicle can be more readily accepted in the various forms of financing deals.

A different picture on finance leasing emerges from the latest returns of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association (BVRLA) whose 1,400 members are estimated to account for up to three-quarters of rental deals and at least half of the contract hire, finance leasing and fleet management sectors.

The BVRLA car rental fleet increased 28 per cent last year – more than double the previous year's rate of increase – but this was influenced by a big jump in membership as rental dealers of several of the big vehicle manufacturers joined the association.

The numbers in contract hire, finance leasing and fleet management services rose nearly 30 per cent but only 8 per cent of this sector was accounted for by finance leasing, demonstrating how this form of financing has been a lesser activity for the BVRLA.

Probably the best indication of trends, not skewed by the increase in BVRLA membership, emerged from year-on-year comparisons at 415 companies. Their vehicle fleets increased by 9 per cent. In rental there was little change between 1985 and 1986 but contract hire of cars rose nearly 19 per cent.

The category covering car finance leasing and fleet management services showed a 7.5 per cent decline, with indications that it was finance leasing that had dropped while fleet management increased.

Overall in the BVRLA car fleets Ford, with nearly 40 per cent, and General Motors' Vauxhall, with nearly 29 per cent, held the two top positions.

A growth rate in contract hire this year of 15 per cent is predicted by Trevor Jones, deputy director of Autolease, part of the BSG group and among the top 10 operators in contract hire.

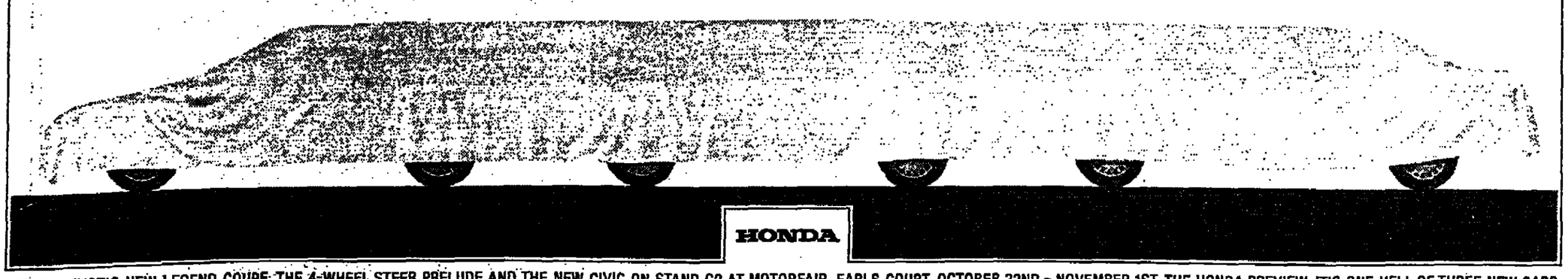
Others include the fast-growing Cowie group, which includes Interleasing, Dial Contracts, part of Mercantile Credit, Lex Leasing, Godfrey Davis leasing (which has no connection with Godfrey Davis Europcar, the car hire company), Swan National and Hertz.

Avis, the second largest international car rental company after Hertz, is now an major operator in contract hire and fleet management with its takeover of Bradford-based G. D. Bramhall.

The growth in contract hire is attracting more competition into the sector, according to Mr Jones. This is producing the most competitive rates so far seen, he maintains, although the less-experienced operators might eventually run into problems when they finally shoulder the residual values on redundant vehicles.

Derek Harris

Introducing the new 12-wheel, £45,000 Honda Preview.



SEE THE EXOTIC NEW LEGEND COUPE, THE 4-WHEEL STEER PRELUDE AND THE NEW CIVIC ON STAND C2 AT MOTORFAIR, EARLS COURT, OCTOBER 22ND – NOVEMBER 1ST. THE HONDA PREVIEW. IT'S ONE HELL OF THREE NEW CARS.

New tech marvels under the bonnet

Externally, today's car has changed little from its predecessor of 10 years ago, *writes Clifford Webb.* True it is lower, smoother and more wedge-shaped to improve airflow, save fuel and increase miles per gallon, but it remains the same immediately recognizable shape. Under the skin, however, enormous technological advances have taken place.

Despite this, the motor industry acknowledges that it is still only on the lower slopes of a mountain of microchip-influenced "breakthroughs" just around the corner.

Today's family motorist expects and gets a car with disc brakes, five-speed gearbox, lean-burn engine, electronic "black box" management of fuel and ignition, super-smooth seatbelts requiring much-reduced spring tension, central locking and more secure locks.

Anti-lock brakes which, until recently, featured on only the most expensive cars, are now available on Ford Escort and Orion models in the shape of a Lucas-invented hydraulic-mechanical system which costs a quarter the price of more complex electronic designs. Automotive Products, of Leamington, Warwickshire, is also in the field with a simple, cost-effective system.

However, Bosch, of West Germany, continues to dominate the executive and luxury car sectors with its expensive but very efficient ABS system.

The advantages of being able to steer an anti-lock equipped car while braking on wet or icy surfaces instead of sliding out of control has been well-tested and documented. It must be the outstanding safety development of the *post-war years* — rivalling even the seat belt — and fully justifies the growing demand for it to be made compulsory on all new cars.

Four-wheel drive, once only associated with cross-country vehicles such as the Land Rover, is being used increasingly on high-performance cars to keep the maximum amount of rubber in contact with the road under fierce acceleration and during cornering at high speed.

The Japanese Subaru concern put 4WS drive into the *hands* of less enthusiastic drivers by making it available "on demand". Flicking a switch converts the Subaru from two- to four-wheel drive to cope with poor road or weather conditions. It has proved a real boon to those who, like doctors, district nurses, country sportsmen and country-to-town commuters, have occasional need for 4WS.

> The outstanding development in car safety for many years

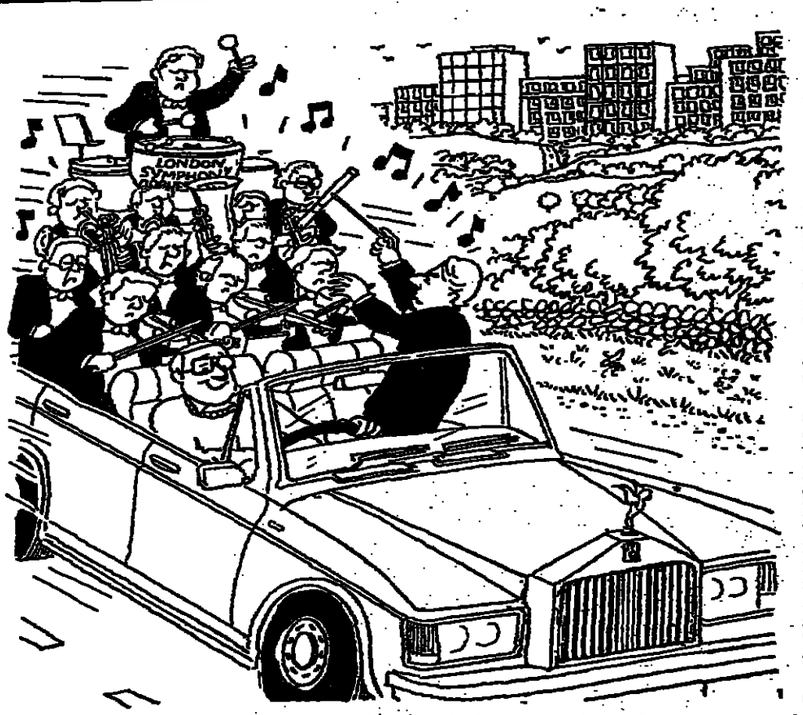
Just appearing on the British market is 4WS on the Honda Prelude. It will soon be followed by a similar system from a second Japanese manufacturer, Mazda. Most of the world's car makers have been experimenting with 4WS for years but still have to make up their minds about its advantages, though it has been around for years on military and special-purpose civilian trucks.

The Honda system steers the rear wheels in one direction for slow-speed manoeuvring and the opposite for high speeds. At low speeds, the rear wheels are turned a small amount in the opposite direction to the front wheels. This *gives the car a turning circle* — a valuable asset for parking or negotiating congested city traffic. At speed the rear wheels follow the front wheels, again by only a small amount, to improve stability by inducing under steer.

The advantages of improved manoeuvrability are unquestioned. However, the high-speed improvement is marginal and can be provided in less costly ways. A senior German engineer at last month's Frankfurt Motor Show was adamant that "in its *present stage of development* it is just another marketing gimmick."

Also just appearing in British showrooms is the long-awaited continously variable transmission (CVT). It is aimed initially at small cars *which*, because of the power losses suffered in traditional automatic systems, has not proved to be efficient with small engines.

Engineers have tried for years to perfect an automatic transmission for small cars. *One of the first was the Swiss* Weber, built by a firm in the Zurich area better known for its textile machinery. It was not a success but then this was 1900 and still the early days.



Arguably the first production car with automatic gears selection was the US-built Sturtevant of 1904 which had a centrifugal clutch with high- and low-speed ranges. In the 1930s, Austin used the British-invented Perbury-Hayes transmission. It offered high promise but did not sell well.

New generation CVTs owe much to the pioneering work of the Van Doorne brothers from Eindhoven, in Holland. They launched a unique rubber belt-driven system in the Daffodil car. Gear ratios were varied automatically and continuously by altering the diameter of two v-belt pulleys.

When Daf was acquired by Volvo in 1976 the newly launched 300 Series used the same Variomatic system. Van Doornes continued independent development work on CVTs and in 1983 entered into partnership with Ford and Fiat to produce a system which would be put into mass production.

The big breakthrough came with the invention of a high-technology, multi-segmented steel belt running in compression — pushing instead of *pulling — in place of the* previous rubber belt.

It is available today on Fiat Uno and Ford Fiesta models.

Ford has produced a design concept of a family six-seater for the year 2000 which provides a mouth-watering glimpse of *new technology waiting* to escape from the research laboratory. In addition to fully automatic control of its engine management systems, anti-lock brakes, automatic transmission and air supension, it is fitted with no fewer than 26 on-board computers to reduce *the problems of human* fallability.

They control or monitor instrumentation, steering, braking, transmission shifts, air conditioning, entertainment, security, safety belts and change window glass from *clear to dark* according to the amount of sunlight.

A big step forward in safety is promised by a sonar device which warns the driver if an object or vehicle is too close or in the driver's blind spot.

Other safety features are sliding doors which automatically reverse if something or someone is caught between the door frame and the closing door. An electronic message panel on the tailgate can be used to inform following traffic of the driver's intentions.

A "driver personality" key automatically sets the correct seating, mirrors, pedals and safety belt positions. When removed it disables the car completely.

The highways are alive with the sound of stereo

From the beaten-up Cortina pulsating with eardrum-bursting reggae to the chairman's Jaguar humming quietly with more discreet sounds, in-car entertainment is now wide, diverse and lucrative.

The market is huge and the choice almost endless to provide sophisticated systems capable of spewing out enough sound to blot out the world outside the motor car.

In-car entertainment — no longer is car radio a proper description of the equipment — has come of age with a vengeance. Today's systems, most of them provided as original equipment in new cars, are combined radio-cassette players, many with touch-sensitive controls, automatic tape rewind and automatic search for station.

The sophistication demanded by the market is immense. *Autocar* magazine, in a recent supplement on the subject, observed with all seriousness that "the ideal is to have multi-amps feeding mid-range and tweeters up front with proper sub-woofers at the rear".

Such incomprehensible jargon, once the province of the obsessed hi-fi enthusiast, now appears to be the norm among ICE buffs. As one producer of car-audio equipment said, "A lot of people, particularly

> Size of the market difficult to assess

salesmen and those who spend hours on motorways, probably listen to radio cassettes much more in their cars than they ever do at home.

"So it makes sense for them to demand the highest quality sound in the car."

The *size* of the car-audio market is difficult to assess, largely because it is split between the measurable original equipment side and the after-market, the latter confused by people either going up-market or, more likely, replacing units stolen by the growing band of radio thieves.

Philips, which claims to be the market leader, estimates that the UK market totals about 3.3 million units a year, of which about half is original equipment.

While the market has remained stable in recent times, Philips reckons that values, and therefore profits, have been on the increase.

Rod Morement, the Philips marketing manager, calculates that this years's market is *worth about £290 million, but* by 1989 could be worth £355 million.

The big four UK car-makers — Ford, Austin Rover, Vauxhall and Peugeot — are fitting digital radio-cassette units as standard in all but basic models.

Prices vary dramatically, from about £100 for a basic but good radio cassette to as much as £2,000 for state-of-the-art hi-fi.

Mr Morement said: "Tailor-made systems for the GTi vehicles, with two 100-watt amplifiers in the front and the same at the rear could cost £1,500. These sort of sound features are being sought by the 18- to 25-year-olds with the money."

At the other end of the scale, there are sound systems fully equipped with graphic equalizers, auto-reverse and Dolby — which takes the hiss out of tapes —for less than £130.

The big names in UK car audio include Philips — which claims 100 per cent of the original-equipment business for *ARG* — Vauxhall, Peugeot-Talbot, Renault, Pioneer, Clarion, Panasonic, Sharp, Kenwood, Blaupunkt and Aiwa.

Many of them will be exhibiting at Motorfair at a special "ICE village" — another indication of the growing significance in the overall motor market of car audio.

Among the latest devices to be introduced is in-car compact disc players, very much top of the market products which some car makers are now fitting as an option.

But while a reasonable CD player for home use can now be bought for about £180, CD for the car can cost anything from £400 to £600.

Mr Morement said: "A sensitive piece of laser equipment in a car has to cope with all sorts of variations in temperature and humidity, vibrations and accelerations. Because of the complexities of making CD work properly in cars, we don't think that the price level is going to drop significantly."

Increasing values and the attractiveness of ICE systems has brought an epidemic of thefts. Perhaps with an eye on things to come in the UK, *Autocar* notes that in Italy, with one of the world's worst auto-crime rates, thieves have been known to use chain saws to slice through facia panels to get at the radios.

Many different ideas have been put forward by manufac

> Attempts to beat the stereo thieves

turers to combat thieves, including a blank panel which slides over the unit, hiding it from prying eyes. The trouble with that, however, is that with speakers and aerial still on view, it is logical to suppose that there is a radio-cassette player somewhere.

The foolproof method, growing in popularity, is to fit the type of unit that can be simply pulled out of the dashboard hole and carried in its owner's handbag or briefcase, or locked in the boot.

Another method, initiated in Britain by Philips, is to use electronic coding. The owner punches his own code into the unit and if it is ripped out it will not work without the code — a deterrent perhaps only if the subsequent purchaser is aware of the problem.

It needs about 125 hours of painstaking effort to find the code.

Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

> Electronic signs on the car'stailgate warn following drivers

Daimler-Benz of West Germany, better known in Britain by the name of Mercedes-Benz cars and trucks, played a leading role in the establishment of a joint European motor industry research group called Prometheus. One of its most promising developments is "Arthur", an emergency radio system. It is automatically triggered by a serious accident and can be manually operated for minor knocks.

Drivers within a 20km radius are alerted. At the same time information is transmitted to emergency services.

Statistics suggests that most accidents occur as a result of other accidents and many can be prevented if drivers were alerted early enough to reduce their reaction times. Researchers claim that Arthur will have the same impact on accident statistics a the seat belt.

Why your car should be safe in these hands

By David Gent, director-general of the Motor Agents Association

Just over 10 years ago, the Office of Fair Trading drew up the Code of Practice for the Motor Industry in conjunction with the Motor Agents Association, which represents dealers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and the Scottish Motor Trade Association. Its aim was to promote consumer confidence in the motor trade.

During that time the MAA has sought to ensure that its 13,000 members observe the code and to encourage high standards of professionalism in their trading. Popular opinion however, continues to saddle the motor trade with the Arthur Daley image, as evidenced in a national survey which showed that only 25 per cent of motorists trust the motor trade in general.

In stark contrast, 90 per cent of motorists said they trusted the garage they used regularly, suggesting that individual experience of the motor trade is far removed from, and at odds with, the popular view.

In a second survey conducted this year by the MAA and the SMMT, 79 per cent satisfaction-levels were recorded among people who had had recent contact with the motor trade. In a report from the Office of Fair Trading, 95 per cent of those taking part were very, or fairly, satisfied with garage services.

The reality, if not the appearance, of improving consumer satisfaction has much to do with the MAA's efforts in upholding the code of practice among its membership. MAA members who are found to fall short of the code's *requirements are dealt with by a* disciplinary committee and if necessary expelled.

The code is a promise to the consumer, a promise underwritten by the code's customer-complaints procedure.

The MAA Conciliation Service, which deals with complaints, expanded earlier this year to accommodate the demands of other motor-trade associations, including the Petrol Retailers Association, the Motorcycle Retailers Association and the Motor Cycle Association of Great Britain.

In doing so, it changed its name to the National Conciliation Service.

For many people the intricacy of cars *is* mysterious and remains so from choice — they want a vehicle that will take them from A to B without trouble and with a minimum of expense.

However, to keep a vehicle trouble free it must be serviced regularly and this costs money. Much misunderstanding arises between the customer who knows little about the mechanics of a car and the garage. To overcome this the MAA has a field staff continually visiting members to advise on trading techniques, and the association regularly runs seminars for its members on trading law and practices.

In 1985 it produced a book for member garages entitled *How to Achieve Customer Satisfaction in Vehicle Servicing and Repair.*

This year the MAA launched a pilot quality-control scheme in the Midlands in conjunction with local trading standards officers as an initial step towards improved self-policing of the trade. The scheme involves independent engineers checking vehicles that have been serviced and repaired by member garages.

A central thrust of MAA policy is to identify both itself and its members with satisfactory trading standards. This is not easy, not least because opinion varies as to what makes good garage service, as shown in this month's *Which?* where the Consumers' Association used 28 garages for car servicing, 12 of which were MAA members.

Response from our members disputes much of the *Which?* findings. It is not true, as *Which?* implied, that MAA garages dealt effectively with complaints in the case of their cars because the customers turned out to be trading standards officers. The garages concerned were in fact observing the MAA Code of Conduct which requires them to deal effectively with *all* consumer complaints.

The limited nature of the *Which?* report — 12MAA members out of a total of 13,000 — is far from conclusive evidence concerning the quality of motor trade service and is at odds with the evidence of the other surveys.

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THE ARTS

Yankee doodles

Americans lowered the tone of literature on television last night. In the first entertaining part of Thames's adaptation of Paul Theroux's collection of stories, *The London Embassy* (centred on Spencer Savage, the hero of *The Consul's File*), it was easily forgiven since Theroux himself did the lowering – merely a slight upping of the burlesque and

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easing of tensions among the embassy staff to accompany the necessary simplifications of television adaptation.

Spencer himself, though, became in the finely controlled performance of Kristoffer Tabori perhaps even more of a quiet American, which made a pleasant change from poor David Andrews, forced each week in *Pulaski* to go over the top more often than a First World War Tommy.

Economy and comedy, however, resulted in some new throw-away poignancy for Spencer. When that devious Lorelei, the Hon Sophie Graveney, asked him where he wanted to live he came straight out with it and said he wanted to live near her. He also stole some of her lines from the story – understandably, considering what she did to him. England had also changed for television. The Conservative majority was larger, *The Times* had no printing dispute, and "a girl who did hot-air ballooning" became an off-stage character of uncertain sex who was tipped as a future Prime Minister.

It was a bit cruel of *Bookmark* (BBC2) to expose to the camera the nascent fumblings of young American drama students, proving on an Oxford course that Chekhov, like Rasputin, may be very difficult to murder but not impossible. The excuse was that they were being taught by Oleg Efremov, the brilliant director of the Moscow Arts Theatre, and three highly-talented members of his company.

The experience was rather like that of watching Matt Busby and Best, Law and Charlton training a prep-school side with irritatingly few demonstrations. What added to the frustration was that they played a scene at the end for RSC actors who would have been rather more suited to a master class.

Andrew Hislop

Revelling in devilry

CINEMA

The Witches of Eastwick (18)
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue, Screen on the Green
The Last of England (18)
Prince Charles
Made in Heaven (15)
Renoir, Chelsea
Who's That Girl (15)
Warner
Eat the Rich (18)
Cannon Haymarket



Comedy of the absurd: Jack Nicholson stars as "just your average horny little devil" in *The Witches of Eastwick*

Battles between the sexes have been fought many times, though rarely with the grandiose élan of The Witches of Eastwick, adapted from John Updike's light-hearted novel, and filmed in Hollywood by the *Mad Max* director, George Miller. Daryl Van Horne, a satanic stranger – "Just your average horny little devil," he explains – arrives in a staid New England town and sets himself up in a plush mansion. Three women desperate for Mr Right believe him to be the answer, despite his lecherous manners. While the good citizens tut-tut, the three spend their days in liberated bliss until Van Horne's grip gets too tight. The ladies fight back with some old-fashioned witchcraft, forcing Van Horne to reveal his true lineage.

The "witches" form a motley bunch (Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer and, best of all, Susan Sarandon as the music teacher who loses all inhibitions). But the devil, naturally, has the best tunes, and Jack Nicholson revels in the character's grimaces and unbridled behaviour. Much of the film works well as an outlandish comedy about sexual relationships; the pity of it is that George Miller, in his first major Hollywood project, overloads the story with special effects from Rob Bottin, king of gross make-up and distortions, and the Industrial Light and Magic company. At first the effects are played for laughs, but copious vomiting and other grotesqueries then set in. Civilized Mr Updike seems a little left behind.

"It's nearer to poetry than prose," Derek Jarman has commented about his latest cinematic creation. "There are a lot of young people who have grown up with sound and image, and they operate so fast they can't bear the old films. They're the people who will be able to see The Last of England and I hope not be disappointed." The film certainly woos pop video fanciers with its breathless pace and abandonment of narrative comforts. Visual material of various kinds are hurled at our eyes: camera prowlings among urban decay; sexual activity in Jarman's Charing Cross Road flat; sprinklings from the family home movies; chunks of a putative fiction film in which hooded armed figures menace huddled citizens in the Thames's drabbest nooks. The tone is bleak and apocalyptic; Jarman presents a vision of an England so terminally sick that it cannot even muster the punk energy he showcased in *Jubilee*.

In odd scenes and shots Jarman again proves himself to be one of Britain's most gifted and audacious film-makers: melancholy beauty is conjured from city wastelands; the home movie footage is dextrously juggled and juxtaposed. But with the best will in the world it is hard to imagine the video crowd flocking to the Prince Charles cinema: the music track, assembled by the "sound architect" Simon Turner, lacks the binding element that even the most wilful pop video provides; and no-one, young or old, particularly likes being lectured. For Jarman assembles his sounds and images not just like a poet – he is also a hectoring moralist, staging lovemaking on a table covered with the Union Jack, and piling on the old clichés of Victorian England (matching shots of the Albert Memorial to "Land of Hope and Glory"). The most affecting moments are generally the simplest, as when Jarman dips into the family film archive – a holiday in Bexhill, childhood potterings at the Abingdon RAF station. Among much that is clotted, private and well-worn, these glimpses of domestic innocence have a universal resonance.

Made in Heaven is a rip-roaring curiosity, in which Timothy Hutton ascends to heaven and falls in love with a seraphic Kelly McGillis. They then descend, reborn with new identities, and spend 30 years searching for fulfilment and each other. If the film had been left to its producer-writers Bruce Evans and Raynold Gideon, we might be watching a simple fantasy of the *Here Comes Mr Jordan* school. But their script was assigned to Alan Rudolph, a director who loves to turn clichés topsy-turvy and bathe his films in eccentric colours.

Once the lovers land on earth, Rudolph pushes them through a quirky odyssey. McGillis is born with a silver spoon; Hutton makes do with a poor unwed mother. The narrative jerks along, and neither character takes proper root in our minds. Yet Rudolph still manages to create more tender moments than the material might suggest, and for all its uncertainties, *Made in Heaven* deserves a kindly audience.

"Are you the Anti-Christ?" says Griffin Dunne's uptight tax attorney in **Who's That Girl**. She is actually teen idol Madonna, shrieking her lines as a petty thief fresh from prison whom Dunne must escort out of town. It is hard to laugh with such unsympathetic characters; matters aren't helped by the script's feeble dependence on past films (*After Hours*, *Desperately Seeking Susan* and, stretching further back, *Bringing Up Baby*). James Foley, who made two of Madonna's music videos, directs with a bulldozer's grace.

British comedy's besetting sin was once its gentility. The pendulum has now swung in reverse: **Eat the Rich**, from the Comic Strip stable, batters the spectator with heavy-handed satire on Thatcher's Britain, cannibalism ("This is the police – lay down your knife and fork – you have all been eating the Prime Minister"), and much juvenile nihilism. As with *Who's That Girl*, there is just one key ingredient missing: good jokes.

Geoff Brown

Law of the novelist

Scott Turow, whose best-selling courtroom thriller *Presumed Innocent* has been published this month in Britain, talks to Caroline Moorehead



Scott Turow: "just lucky"

Scott Turow was standing in the hall of his new law practice in Chigago, waiting to go into a meeting, when he was called to the phone. It was his agent, telling him that a Hollywood studio had just made an offer for his novel, a courtroom thriller called *Presumed Innocent*. It was far more money than he had made in a full 10 years as a teacher and then a lawyer in a district attorney's office. "What shall I do?" he asked. "Turn it down," she replied. "OK. I've turned it down." Turow put down the phone and went on into his meeting.

His agent was right. That offer was followed by many more, each bigger than the last, so that finally five Hollywood studios were bidding against each other (Sydney Pollack and United Artists were the victors, with $1.25 million).

Presumed Innocent, published this month in Britain (Bloomsbury, £12.95), may be a first novel but it has not sprung out of the blue. Turow has been hard at the craft of writing for many years. He is a small, thick-set man turning 40, in a buttoned-down blue shirt and neat city suit, with brown hair thinning on top. Of his writing he says: "It was never possible for me not to be a writer. Like not being brown-eyed. It's the way I came out of the chute."

Turow started writing at high school, edited the school magazine, and by the time he was in his senior year at Amherst College he had a short story taken by the *Transatlantic Review*. Then came four years at Stanford University, two on a fellowship, two more teaching, while "writing, writing, writing, writing" a novel that was eventually turned down by 25 publishers.

But he did not greatly care for that uneasy mixture of academic and writer, and to the disbelief of those around him, he turned down a tenured post in creative writing, took the law school exams, and elected to go to Harvard. As he settled in, he wrote an apologetic note to his agent, explaining that he had given up writing for a while.

After Harvard Turow joined the district attorney's office first in Boston and then Chigago and made a corner for himself in corruption cases. It was here that the two strands of his life began to mesh. In a spiral notebook, on the 7 am commuter train from his home in a Chigago suburb, he began work on *Presumed Innocent*.

"A couple of years later I was in the middle of a corruption case as lead prosecutor. At these times I don't sleep well. One morning at 5 am my wife leant over and said: 'Why don't you quit and write?' I lined up a new job, took three months' leave and settled down in the basement to write."

The day he became a partner in his new law firm he learnt that *Presumed Innocent* was being bid for by four New York publishers. Turow settled for the eminent Farrar, Straus and Giroux; their offer was not the highest, but it was the most they had ever paid for a first novel.

Turow regards the law with pleasure and a certain reverence, and he finds the "intellectual complexities" compelling. His phenomenal success has simply meant that he has become protective of his writing time and prepared to fight for it. He rises at 6.15, switches on the computer, makes some coffee and writes until 8.

"I don't think of myself," says Turow, "as any more talented than my next-door neighbour. Just lucky. But I do sometimes wake up and wonder: if only I had known I was capable of it – why didn't I do it sooner?"

A turbulent salute

THEATRE

A Lie of the Mind
Royal Court



Donald Cooper

Monstrously unjust mother love: Will Patton and Geraldine McEwan in *A Lie of the Mind*

The set, by Paul Brown, establishes the territory: a proscenium-wide photograph of desolate prairie with a carcass of an automobile, like a dead sheep, in the foreground; beneath this tableau, the bumpers of another wrecked car, and a pay-phone.

This is archetypal Sam Shepard country; a landscape of endless indistinguishable small towns where the frontier spirit lingers on in a desert of intersecting freeways; where man the hunter lies in wait for his prey even though there is a Value City down the road, and it is no surprise to find a man traversing the freezing land dressed only in an American flag.

A Lie of the Mind is a turbulent salute to American diversity combining the affirmation of Whitman with the doom-laden cadences of O'Neill, and juggling with different kinds of reality in a way that is Shepard's own.

It is assembled around the story of Beth and Jake: a young couple so mutually besotted that when Jake beats his wife half to death in a fit of jealousy, the brain-damaged Beth longs only to be reunited with him. It is hereabouts that the lies begin.

The parents, never reconciled to the marriage, now assume a pretence that it never took place. Jake's mother, while acknowledging her son to be a maniac, holds Beth responsible for her injuries, and resumes possession of her little boy, confining him trouserless in the nursery for his own good. Beth's father, meanwhile, bitterly resents being dragged on a five-hour trip to his daughter's bedside and roars off back into the Montana night to feed his stock.

Jake (Will Patton), with his spasms of uncontrollable wrath and dangerous eyes, seems a rabid psychotic; and Beth a pitiable victim, whom it is hard even to look at in Miranda Richardson's clinically harrowing performance.

Jake's mother (Geraldine McEwan) appears a monster of maternal possessiveness at its most asphyxiatingly unjust; balanced by Tony Haygarth's study in unfeeling fatherhood in his treatment of Beth.

It is not Shepard's line to pass such judgements on any of these people; and the play proceeds by a process of narrative shocks which are true to nature whatever their departure from psychologically programmed expectation. The first shock is supplied by Beth's brother Mike (Paul Jesson) seen giving tender fraternal therapy to his wronged sibling, and then turning into a monster of vengeful obsession once he gets her back home.

Characters apart, continual shocks are administered by the wild changes of tone. Amid the extreme emotions of the girl's household, the mother (Deborah Norton) wanders plaintively round the room complaining about the noise. In the midst of another fraught scene, Mike triumphantly arrives and deposits the carcass of a deer on the living room floor, marking a brisk descent from claustrophobic passion into breezy farce.

Throughout the piece, Shepard shows the force of habit, at its most petty and irrelevant, eclipsing matters of life and death. The main line of the narrative proceeds by a similar system of false clues: so that one is sure that Jake's brother (Paul McGann) is going to be left to die while the unfeeling Haygarth sits there anointing his feet with mink ointment, only to survive intact and standing at the end. Likewise the dreaded reunion between Beth and her lethal spouse becomes the tenderest moment in the piece – unobserved by the elders, who have made their own peace by rolling up the American flag.

It is Shepard's most ambitious exercise in combining the mythic theatre of his youth with American realism; both aspects caught in perfect equipoise in Simon Curtis's production.

Irving Wardle

Angelus
Soho Poly

Sue Dunderdale's direction of Tony Craze's odd but passionate new play spreads the action across two rooms, one the living room of the curiously-named Mala, blood-red carpeting underfoot, and the other the bare boards of the room above, from which the previous elderly tenant toppled by way of the balcony, making it possible for the estate agents to look for a serious profit on the vacated space.

Currently squatting in there is Ruth (Sarah Woodward), apprehensive, nun-like, moving warily as if her bones were china, and cursed by the author with a gift for second sight. Mala's increasingly desperate son Mick sees in the girl a last hope of escape from his penurious life. Escaping from Mum too is Stella Tanner, daintily grinning at the girl before turning to snarl out a poisoned phrase at her boy. Escape from the enveloping home is the eventually evident theme of the play.

America is to be his destination but while the rhythms of *California Girls* are heard at the start, the only music Mick plays is a tape of the Angelus. The words that the Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary are translated in the programme, and intellectually one can work out that Mick is frantic to be born.

But the outbursts of religious resentment towards Old Man God fail to fit snugly into the character, though Phillip Joseph is impressive at conveying the raw, taut frenzy of the man who will always get the thunderbolts of fate smack in his face.

Jeremy Kingston

Atonement
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

The sound of running water recurs between the scenes of Barry Collins's three-hander. Initially, it appears to be the lapping of waves because Danny, the boring, loutish male character inexplicably being fought over by two females, is an unemployed fisherman.

By the end, though, it has become all too clear that it is the drawn-out draining of the kitchen sink. That receptacle has been overflowing with impenetrable muck. Danny (Lorcan Cranitch) has shacked up with his landlady Beth (convincingly taken by Annabel Leventon), whose husband went off with the kids and left the pram.

Meanwhile Danny's wife, Maura (Sarah Neville), has been in a mental hospital making friends with pigeons and teaching the poor lame ducks to fly. It transpires that she has lost two children prematurely, the first as a result of tripping over her father-in-law's cat and the second through a self-induced abortion. This, apparently, was some kind of revenge on Danny, who insisted on consorting with the local tarts.

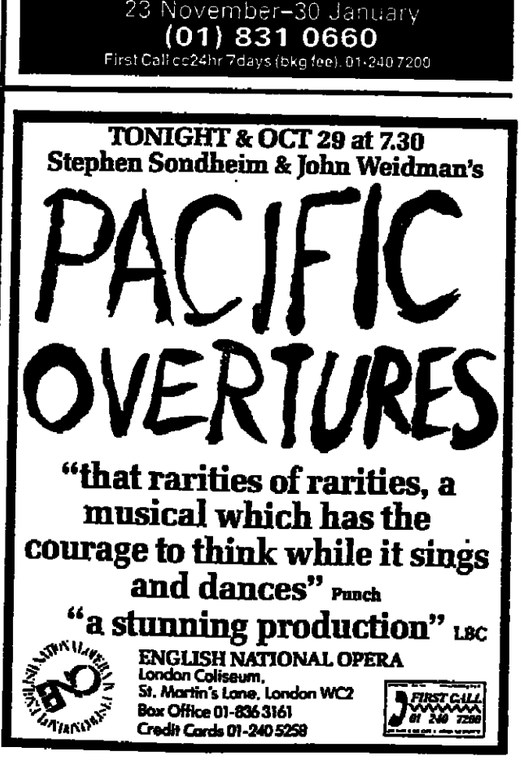
In fact "local" begs a question, for although the action is set "in an industrial town not far from the sea" one never gets any concrete sense of location.

Not much sense of relationship either. The three characters' voices, too, often sound the same and it seems to make little difference who is present when another speaks.

Harry Eyres

● A cut in the review yesterday of the new production of Rossini's *L'Italiana in Algeri* at The Vienna State Opera deprived the notice of any mention of the Italian Girl herself (*John Higgins writes*). Agnes Baltsa sang most of the performances, will be on DG's recording and assumes the role at Covent Garden. At my Vienna performance Monica Tagliasacchi took over and she was a dull substitute, stodgy both vocally and dramatically. Isabella needs a mettlesome mezzo – a Berganza or a Baltsa.





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BOOKS 1

The grass roots of Terror

Tim Blanning reviews the masterpiece that brings the Revolution to life

THE PEOPLE'S ARMIES
By Richard Cobb
Translated by Marianne Elliott
Yale, £30, paperback £9.95

With the bicentenary of the French Revolution looming into view, we must brace ourselves for the publication of a flood of books to commemorate the event. If the revolutionary tide washes in anything even half as good as this wonderful book, we can count ourselves very lucky. It was first published back in 1961, but in French – Cobb being just as proficient in French as in English and perhaps even more eloquent. A few historians have written in languages *other than their own*, but very few have lived to see their work translated back into their native tongue by someone else. And a very good translation it is too.

The People's Armies of the title were task-forces of volunteers formed in the autumn of 1793. They were not intended for action against the numerous foreign enemies of the Republic, but for operations against the enemies within – also thick on the ground by this stage of the Revolution. Their most important task was to secure supplies of grain for the towns from a peasantry increasingly reluctant to part with it. Also on their agenda was the expropriation of the Church, dechristianization, the intimidation of counter-revolutionaries, and requisitioning for the regular armies defending the frontiers. In short, they were to be the instrument of the Terror.

Mercifully, their reign lasted only a few months. After a false start in June 1793, they didn't really get going until September. Yet most were disbanded in December, with only the Parisian force lingering on until March of the following year. There were forty "armies" all told, with a total complement of just 40,000, operating in only about half of the Republic's 83 departments. Their achievements were modest. They did help to supply Paris, they did help to keep the regular armies going, and they did prove efficient inconoclasts; but as terrorists they cut a poor figure. The rank-and-file were too old (hernias were a special problem), too undisciplined, and too few in number to make more than a passing impact on the great intractable mass of the French population.

What justifies the attention Cobb devotes to this rag-tag army in his massive study (776 large pages of smallish print) is the unique opportunity it provides for discovering what it was actually like to live (and often die) in the most anarchic and violent phase of the Revolution. The supreme exponent of history-from-below, he has not just unparalleled archival knowledge, but also the literary skill to take his readers back into the mental and physical world of his subjects, and to evoke the atmosphere in which they pursued their ideals and perpetrated their atrocities. These roistering, whoring, gambling, boozing revolutionaries were, it may be assumed, far removed from the world of a professor of modern history at Oxford – but somehow Cobb has managed to make the imaginative leap.

He also has the sympathy to take them as they were. When he tells us that he is going to let them speak for themselves, to illustrate life as it was, and to allow the reader to draw his own conclusion, he is as good as his word.

Whether the reader enters the world of *The People's Armies* from right, left or centre, he will find congenial company. In particular, the supporter of the Revolution will find plenty to quicken his pulse. He can revel in the radical rhetoric of the Paris clubs, share the sense of a revolutionary millennium, participate in the cosmic struggle between liberty and despotism. His companions will perhaps be rather violent, often the worse for drink, and prone to all manner of unattractive prejudices (anti-feminism, anti-clericalism, and anti-Semitism, among others) but never dull. The general staff of the Parisian army, for example, boasted several important members theatrical by profession as well as by behaviour. If one can imagine an army of civilian volunteers commanded by 18th-century equivalents of – say – Oliver Reed, Richard Harris, and Peter O'Toole, one can appreciate the fun there was to be had. Even the pay and conditions were good – much better than in the regular armies – and there was much less danger of actually having to lay down one's life in the cause of liberty and equality.

To be on the receiving-end of the attentions of *The People's Armies* was much less amusing. Even if their atrocities have been greatly exaggerated, Cobb's account provides more than enough ammunition for those who prefer to see the Revolution as a disaster, which polarized France with such divisive bitterness that political instability became endemic for a century or more. His account of the infamous *noyade* at Nantes, for example, when 129 helpless prisoners were drowned in the Loire, is all the more harrowing for being viewed through the eyes of the perpetrators. Whether it is through a pious Catholic being forced to spit on a crucifix or an anxious supplicant being told "our guillotine is rusting, we shall oil it with your sister," the awful reality of revolutionary repression is made painfully concrete. The slogan of the armies was "force to the law," but they acted outside the law so often that it could be only a matter of time before even their masters in Paris had had enough.

The decision by the publishers to make this masterpiece by the greatest living historian of the French Revolution accessible to a new and potentially much larger audience deserves all possible praise. It is beautifully produced and, by the standards of academic publishing, amazingly good value. Too many historical blockbusters are much admired but little read. This one really does deserve to be in the hands – not just on the shelf – of everyone who cares about history as a stimulating, entertaining, *living* evocation of the past.


Glynn Boyd Harris

Life is a big jigsaw

NOVEL *of the week*

Victoria Glendinning

LIFE
A User's Manual
By Georges Perec
Collins Harvill, £12

Imagine a tall grey apartment building in Paris. In one of the attics lives an old artist. He has lived in the house for 55 years, and seen families come and go, removal men and undertakers carting away the evidence of their existence down the stone stairs. One day, no doubt, even the building itself will be demolished. So he decides to paint a picture of the building with everything in it, past and present.

Life, A User's Manual is composed of inventories, as each apartment is anatomized room by room – not only the decor, the furnishings, and the pictures on the walls, but all written words visible on labels, magazine covers, advertisements, letters, even on the scrap of newspaper replacing a broken pane of glass. This 500-page novel is arranged in sections, teasingly, like jumbled bits of jigsaw. People are catalogued as well as objects; there is no "story", only stories, about everyone who has ever lived in the house and some people who have not.

A key story is about Bartlebooth, the rich Englishman in one of the grander flats. He spent 25 years learning to paint, then 20 years painting 500 watercolours, which he glued to plywood and had made into jigsaw puzzles. He is working through the puzzles, putting them together; when he has done them all he plans to have the reconstituted paintings dipped in detergent, leaving only the blank paper he began with. Another story is about a craftsman who injects a worm-eaten piece of wood with a fluid that hardens. Then he chips away the rotten wood "to disclose the fabulous arborescence within", a "mineral accumulation" of all the activity that constituted the worms' existence.

This book is a similar "fabulous arborescence" – an eccentric, madly ambitious scheme to display life all at once instead of in selected fragments. But the conclusion seems to be that nothing can be understood except in fragments, or after it is over. The painter fails to halt time by recording everything he remembers. He dies before he has done more than sketch a cross-section of the building. Bartlebooth too dies too soon, holding the last piece of his 439th jigsaw in his hand. But it was not going to fit in the remaining space anyway. The puzzle-maker had fooled him.

Georges Perec fools the reader, too. His book is spattered with scholarship and mock-scholarship, illusions, and allusions, uncompleted crosswords, mathematical formulae and quizzes. It's the product of a hectically ingenious intelligence, like James Joyce's. *Life, A User's Manual*, which has been courageously translated from the French by David Bellos, may be France's *Ulysses*. It won the Prix Medicis when it appeared in France in 1978, and two years ago was voted "the novel of the decade" by *Le Monde*. But Georges Perec had died in 1982, aged 46; time seems to have double-crossed him, as well. I enjoyed this book in a bewildered way, though it would take many readings to grasp all its implications. In any case it hardly matters whether one enjoys it or not. It exists, in a monumental fashion, like the apartment block and everything and everyone it contains.

Forging a man of steel

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

LENIN
The Novel
By Alan Brien
Secker & Warburg, £11.95

NIGHTS AT THE ALEXANDRA
By William Trevor
Hutchinson, £7.95

Lenin: The Novel is presented as the journals kept by Lenin from the age of 15 until his death. It is history as fictional diary, written by somebody who looks like Lenin and is obsessed by Lenin, Alan Brien. As an act of total immersion, the author sunk in the subject, the work is convincing and charismatic. The reader believes that the apparent diarist was a great man, thought in this way, planned a revolution, and carried it through. Lenin is at last revealed, boils and all.

And yet, this is fiction, based on the known facts of Lenin's life. It persuades by its intimacy with the hero. Actually, Alan Brien makes the revolutionary leader rather endearing and a little too British. At a critical time in the Russian Revolution, Lenin feels like Buttons and Cinderella being barred from the ball, while he thinks he looks like Mr Pickwick's unfortunate elder brother, and admires Sherlock Holmes as an excellent reactionary spy. Such musings are possible, but not plausible. Yet on the whole, the author's identification with Lenin presents a credible confession by the Russian revolutionary leader. If it is not true, it reads like the truth, not *Pravda*.

The book humanizes the Russian leader, although he defined humanism as an absolute involving the destruction of members of the bourgeois class such as Mr Brien. *Lenin: The Novel* makes immediate the Bolshevik Revolution by a device that would be condemned by Lenin and any committed revolutionary. This is not history as science, but history as dedicated imagination. For its compelling narrative power and its convincing recreation of events that changed the world, *Lenin: The Novel* should be read by every capitalist, but the comrades must reject the attempt to do it. Lenin's diaries? They must be a forgery, as most brilliantly they are.

From the long to the short of it. William Trevor's *Nights at the Alexandra*, illustrated by Paul Hogarth, justifies the whole Hutchinson series of novellas. Trevor conjures up a boyhood in an Irish wartime town. The boy falls in love with Frau Messinger, whose elderly husband is kind, German, and suspect. As a gift to his wife, he builds her a picture palace in the town, the Alexandra. She dies and the boy inherits the cinema, where he dreams of his lost love.

Elegiac and nostalgic, yet earthy in remembrance of Irish family life, this little book is perfect in its making and its length. *Nights at the Alexandra* satisfies, yet leaves a longing for more, although all that is necessary has been written. Nothing Too Much, the Greeks said. Much in Little, the Romans said. Brevity is Wit, the English said. And William Trevor proves all the tags correct.

NEW HARDBACKS

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Banal breasts bared

Barbara Amiel

WOMEN
By Naim Attallah
Quartet, £15

Publisher Naim Attallah has interviewed 289 women in order "to learn about them and understand their dreams and aspirations". He calls the bulk of his book "Women Speak", which George Orwell would have shortened to one word. In its way, though, the book is quite instructive. Take model Jerry Hall on feminism.

"But when I got pregnant," explains Miss Hall, "then I started seeing the unfairness of being a woman, because your body gets deformed, it gets huge, and the man stays perfectly normal, and that's so unfair that one sex gets deformed for the benefit of both sexes. That made me think more about women, that maybe they've got a point."

Well, yes. That statement is quite basic to a way of thinking that characterizes not just feminism, but a number of our injustice-collecting movements who view every disparity in life as a conspiracy against them.

Of course, if you want to talk to 289 of the smartest people of contemporary society you are unlikely to find most of them among our professional "communicators". Mr Attallah spent much time chatting to journalists, personalities, and women from the liberal arts. The level of discourse in the book reflects this. He would probably have been better off looking for accomplished women among scientists and others who for their achievement had to undergo a more rigorous level of mental training than that of a television presenter.

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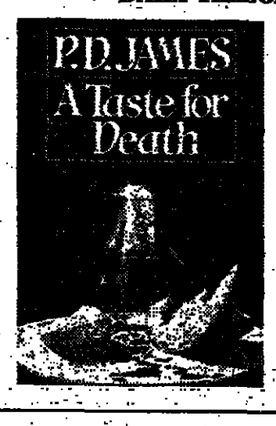
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The case of a lost Earl

Harold Sebag Montefiore reviews books about the Lucan mystery

LUCAN
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By Sally Moore
Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95
TRAIL OF HAVOC
In The Steps of Lucan
By Patrick Marnham
Viking, £10.95

On 7 November, 1974, Sandra Rivett, who had been engaged two months earlier as nanny to the three children of Veronica Countess of Lucan and her estranged husband John, seventh Earl of Lucan, was battered to death at the family home, 46 Lower Belgrave Street, and Lady Lucan herself received half a dozen blows on the head from a blunt instrument – bandaged lead piping.

Lord Lucan, then aged 39, had been educated at Eton, commissioned as a National Service officer in his father's old regiment, the Coldstream Guards, worked for a brief period at a merchant bank, William Brandt, had married Veronica, daughter of the late Major Charles Duncan, MC, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton in November 1963. By then he was a professional gambler – the house player at the Clermont Club, Berkeley Square.

Ten years later the marriage had broken down. John, who was a devoted father, commenced custody proceedings that were both bitter and expensive. (I had been offered a brief to appear but declined it. I had been a guest at the wedding and did not wish to be involved.) At first Mr Justice Arnold granted him care and control of the children, but later Mr Justice Rees returned them to their mother, giving limited access every other weekend to the father, who, having spent £20,000 on legal fees, court costs, and private detectives, was heavily in debt, and put the family silver up for sale.

On the evening in question the nanny's night off had been changed, unknown to John, and he entered the house using his key. Within the hour Veronica staggered into the nearby pub, The Plumber's Arms, shouting "Help me, help me, help me. I've just escaped from being murdered! My children, my children! He's murdered my nanny." No name was mentioned.

John had driven off in a borrowed Ford Corsair. His own Mercedes was nearby with a flat battery. He phoned his mother, Kaitilin, the Dowager Countess of Lucan (the doughty socialist councillor in St Marylebone who had been my opponent in three GLC elections) and asked her to collect the children, telling her there had been a terrible catastrophe. Veronica was hurt and the nanny hurt badly (the two women, although very different in appearance, were 5ft 2in in height).

The car was seen next morning at Newhaven with splashes of blood whose groups were analysed as A, B and AB. Veronica was group A, Sandra group B. A piece of bandaged lead pipe was later found in the car. John had stopped off en route at Susan Maxwell-Scott's house at Uckfield, where he wrote letters to both his brother-in-law William Shand-Kydd and the car owner. He has never been seen again, although sightings have been reported (and John Stonehouse, the MP who went missing the same month, was arrested in Australia in error for him).

The police issued warrants naming Lord Lucan for murder and attempted murder. Dr Gavin Thurston presided over an inquest which lasted for four days the following June and the jury returned a verdict of "murder by Lord Lucan".

In *Lucan – Not Guilty* Sally Moore, a Fleet Street journalist, sets out to prove her title. This enthralling book, which has taken her 12 years to write, is painstakingly researched. She has interviewed the witnesses, talked to the victim's family, and enjoyed the co-operation of all the Lucan relations except Lady Lucan, whose health unhappily keeps her in hospital from time to time.

Miss Moore's thorough investigation convinces her that Lucan was wrongly convicted. He was branded as a killer without being present at the inquest, without standing trial, without even the benefit of a full defence. She criticizes the coroner's conduct; in my opinion he acted perfectly properly, although as a result of this case Parliament enacted the Criminal Law Act of 1977, and more recently, by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, a wife is now competent to give evidence against her husband, and is compellable where the offence charged is that of assaulting or injuring her.



The Earl and Countess of Lucan on their wedding day, and later in 1963, before the crash

Miss Moore believes that the murder and the injuries to Lady Lucan were inflicted by an intruder, and she followed the trail of Mr X who eventually pleaded guilty to wasting police time and making a false report, and was fined £25 with £10 costs. She produces alibi evidence by Clermont Club employees that at the relevant time Lucan was in Berkeley Square, but I doubt if an Old Bailey jury would accept the alibi. The piece of lead piping in the car could have been planted, she says, and no relevant fingerprints or gloves were found. The bloodstains could have been misleading. She hopes her book will encourage Lucan – if still alive – to come forward and clear his name.

> 'He was branded as a killer without trial'

Patrick Marnham, a former *Private Eye* writer, has produced a curious book, only half of it devoted to the Lucan case. The remainder tries to perpetuate his vendetta with Sir James Goldsmith. He believes the nanny was murdered by an accomplice hired by Lucan or possibly by a deputy. Perhaps we shall never know; and in due course Lord Bingham, now a 20-year-old undergraduate at Cambridge, will petition for the presumption of his father's death, and take his seat in the House of Lords as the eighth Earl of Lucan.

Master manner or fine frenzy

POETRY

Robert Nye

THE HAW LANTERN
By Seamus Heaney
Faber, £7.95
THE MOON DISPOSES
Poems 1954-1987
By Peter Redgrove
Secker & Warburg, £10

Seamus Heaney has established a recognizable manner, so that if you open an anthology of modern verse and read a few lines you will know they are his before you notice the name at the end. This perfection of a style has its merits, and its defects. On the one hand, Heaney is a serious and authentic poet, and by exploring the themes which it has seemed to him right to explore, and by following that exploration through to its consequences, it might seem that he has had no choice but to write in a certain way; and it is to his credit that he has learned to perfect that way. On the other hand, I admit to critical reservations – these come when Heaney's mastery of his own manner seems to allow him to manipulate it, so that it comes to stand between him and any experience which might unbalance or otherwise alter it.

The manner can deteriorate into mannerism. He is so much in command of his gifts that the process of his work hardly allows for accidental grace.

Heaney's slightly older contemporary, Peter Redgrove, is in several respects a less satisfactory writer. Redgrove's verse can be incredibly uneven. But he takes risks which Heaney does not seem prepared to take; and in among a great body of indifferent work he now and again surprises himself and his readers with individual poems that win through to another level altogether – a level of pure inspiration. Redgrove seems to me like a man who is willing to go out of doors without coat or hat and do ridiculous things on hilltops in thunderstorms. Consequently his verse gets struck by the odd bolt of lightning. There is a marked absence of lightning in Heaney's work.

To say this, though, is to say the most negative thing I would wish to say about Seamus Heaney. There is so much here for which we can only be grateful, especially the sonnet sequence concerning the death of the poet's mother. These poems are not only moving and good in themselves, they are also heartening in that they show Heaney returning to the difficult task of trying to come to terms with his deepest feelings, the task which resulted in the best things in his earlier books.

He always writes well when he has some difficult simple truth to tell:

The wintry haw is burning out of season,
crab of the thorn, a small light for small people,
wanting no more from them but that they keep
the wick of self-respect from dying out,
not having to blind them with illumination.

Peter Redgrove's work is full of attempts to blind us with illumination. A bad Redgrove poem starts anywhere and ends nowhere; which is to say that his subject matter – myth, weather, ghosts, insects, people – consists of so many vague doors into a single room where his purpose is simple: to celebrate language. Look! he cries, and listen! and awake! The result is a neo-romantic poetry of exclamation addressed to the quickening of the senses, but too often quickening little save a feeling of what a an extraordinary gift of the gab the man has. Sincerity done to death by puns might be a fair description of two-thirds of this volume. The remaining one third is what matters. The odd thing, of course, is that Peter Redgrove always convinces us that we could not have the quiet bits without the shouting.

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Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden/Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £3.50-£13.50. (D)

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Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

☆ *THE HYPOCHONDRIAC: Tom* Courtenay heads strong cast in Molière's classic comedy.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. *Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed* 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£10.

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☆ **NO MORE A-ROVING:** Brian Deacon in première of "lost" wartime comedy by John Whiting.
Orange Tree Theatre, Kew Road, Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £2.50-£5.

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OUT OF TOWN

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BEYOND THERAPY (15): Another of Robert Altman's theatre pieces, filmed in Paris, with Julie Haggerty, Jeff Goldblum, Glenda Jackson and Tom Conti.



Paul Robeson (above) first appeared on the screen in a 1924 silent, *Body and Soul,* one of the films by the black director Oscar Micheaux, revived tonight and next Thursday at the Ritzy cinema, Brixton (see listing). Robeson, fresh from the stage and Rutgers sports field, plays a preacher *who commits most of* the Seven Deadly Sins. Censors, however, insisted the character be made less venal. *Also tonight, Micheaux's* 1935 *Murder in Harlem.*

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MICHEAUX FILM SEASON: See caption.
Ritzy Cinema Brixton (01-737 2121). Prog 7.00.

THE SECRET POLICEMAN'S THIRD BALL (18): Filmed highlights from four nights of comedy and music presented in March at the London Palladium by Amnesty International (90 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

■ **TIN MEN (15):** Bright, inventive comedy from writer-director Barry Levinson, with Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito as warring home improvement salesmen (110 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.40, 6.05, 8.25.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ROYAL MUSIC:** The De Saram Clarinet Trio performs a Trio by Beethoven's pupil the Archduke Rudolf of Austria and a Trio Op 3 by Zeminsky, Schoenberg's teacher.
St George's, Charlotte Street, Brandon Hall, Bristol (0272 230359). 1-2pm, £1.80, £2.50

☆ *ROBERTS RECITAL: Paul* Roberts, an excellent pianist, plays Bartok's Suite Op 14, a brace of Debussy *Etudes,* de Severac's *Sous les oliers roses* and Falla's *Fantasia Baetica .*
Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-636 1500). 1.30-2.15pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **ASHKENAZY/RPO:** Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the RPO in Richard Strauss's symphonic poems *Also sprach Zarathustra* and *Don Juan,* and solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.30pm, £4-£20.

☆ **RARE GERHARD:** With Erich Gruenberg as soloist, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski and the Hallé Orchestra offer the rare pleasure of hearing Roberto Gerhard's Violin Concerto, followed by Bruckner's lengthy Symphony No 5.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 1712), 7.30pm, £2-£9.

☆ **LITTON/BSO:** Andrew Litton conducts the Bournemouth Symphony Orcestra in Delius's lovely *Brigg Fair,* Respighi's scintillating *Pini di Roma,* Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, and Jeffrey Kahane (piano) is the soloist in Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody.
Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol (0272-291768 or 262957), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.60.

☆ **APT MUSIC:** Various artists including Jean Hutchinson, piano and harpsichord, gather to perform Geddes's *Apt,* McGuire's *Martyr and Rant,* Dorward's *Kithara* and other pieces.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ **SUITNER/LSO:** Otmar Suitner, an Austrian conductor, has charge of the LSO for Weber's *Freischütz* Overture and Brahm's Symphony *No 1, with Hiroko Nakamura* as soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 638 8891), 7.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **SARASTE/SCO:** Jukka-Pekka Saraste conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Sibelius's *Rakastava and Pelléas et Mélisande* Suites, Beethoven's Symphony No 4. Barry Douglas solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 7.45pm, £3-£8.80

☆ **SUK'S SUK:** The ECO is conducted by Josef Suk in his grandfather Josef Suk's Meditation on an Old Bohemian Chorale and his great-grandfather Dvorak's Serenade Op 22. He also solos in Mozart's Violin Concerto K 211.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800), 7.45pm, £4.50-£8.50.

☆ **BEETHOVEN SERIES:** John Lill continues his Beethoven piano *sonata cycle with Opp 2 No 3, 10* No 2, 14 No 2 and 53 "Waldstein".
Turner Sims Hall, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 581576), 8pm, £5.

ROCK

☆ **TOWNES VAN ZANDT:** Start of tour for the "legendary" Texan singer/ songwriter from the Seventies, whose songs have been recorded by, among others, Emmylou Harris ("Poncho And Lefty") and Bobby Bare ("Tecumseh Valley").
Bung, Luisgate Arcade, Bristol (0275 872386) 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **THE STYLE COUNCIL:** The dour Paul Weller with his ersatz soul collective.
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 735295) 7.30pm, £8.

☆ **THE MEN THEY COULDN'T HANG:** Now on their third record *label in less than 18 months,* the folk-rockers are promoting a new EP, *Island In The Rain.*
Lees Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone (0303 54695) 7pm, £4.

☆ **BRYAN ADAMS:** The mild man of rock with a hard-driving show built around the simple production values of the Sixties. Support is T'Pau.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 6.30pm, £8.50-£10.50, also tomorrow.

JAZZ

LUNCHTIME

ANITA CARMICHAEL: Leads a young Latin-tinged quartet.
Festival Hall Foyer, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), noon, free.



Less than a week after the London shows by Chuck Brown and *the Soul Searchers, come three English dates by that other* pillar of the Washington DC Go Go establishment, Trouble Funk (above). The band is heavier (both musically and physically) than Brown's ensemble and being younger, its members tend to display less in the way of *jazz and R'n'B roots, aiming more for* the kind of undiluted "P-funk" attack associated with George Clinton's Parliament. The ceaseless pulse around which the various songs are woven into a gradually developing, linear groove, gives Go Go its intrinsic appeal as a live, non-stop, dancefloor attraction, but has proved difficult to adapt to the recorded medium. Thus, despite its history as a premier Washington attraction since 1978, the group's fame remains essentially localized in America while it continues to build a rapidly expanding cult status in Britain and Europe. The current album, *Trouble Over Here Trouble Over There,* co-produced by Bootsy Collins, indicates a potential that could be converted into the kind of success enjoyed by Run DMC or Cameo, given the benefit of one or two hit singles. Trouble Funk appear tonight at the Octagon Theatre, Western Bank, Sheffield (0742 753300), 7.30pm, £5.50-£6; tomorrow at International 2, Manchester (061 224 5050); Saturday at Brixton Academy, London SW9 (01-326 1022). *David Sinclair*

EVENING

☆ **CHARLIE ROUSE:** The great American saxophonist, with Peter *King and the Stan Tracey trio.*
University College Theatre, Frognal, London NW3 (01-435 2215), 7.45pm, £5.

☆ **ANDY SHEPPARD:** The fleet-footed saxophonist, on the same bill as the Steve Lacy/Steve Arguelles duo.
Spring Street Theatre, Spring *Street, Hull* (0482 224800), 7.45pm, £4.

☆ **URBIE GREEN:** Woody Herman's ex-associate stars on a night of massed trombones.
100 Club, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £5 (members £3.50).

☆ **DON CHERRY'S NU:** The *all-star band; an irresistible fusion of Afro-*American and African textures.
Whitehall Theatre, Bellfield Street, Dundee (0382 23530), 8pm, £5.

GALLERIES

20TH CENTURY STUDIO CERAMICS: From the collection of the Buckinghamshire County Museum.
Exhibition Gallery, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes (0908-605536). Mon-Wed 9.30am-6pm, Thurs-Fri 9.30am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until November 14.

NICOLA COUNSELL, NICHOLAS JOLLY AND GERARD TUNNEY: Paintings by three young artists at a talent-spotting venue.
Solomon Gallery, 10 Dover Street, London W1 (01-499 4701), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until November 13.

GRAHAM CROWLEY: Recent narrative paintings by one of the *genre's current leaders.*
Edward Totah Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, London W1 (01-734 0343), Mon 2-6pm, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10.30am-1pm, free, *until October 31.*

PATRICK PROCKTOR: Still life and portrait watercolours and paintings.
Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until November 18.

JAMES McINTOSH PATRICK: A *retrospective of landscape* paintings and prints, mainly depicting Angus and Fife, by allegedly the most popular Scottish artist.
Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until November 15.

L S LOWRY (1887-1976): Over 400 works brought together to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the great man.
Salford Art Gallery, Peel Park, Salford (061 736 2649), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun 1-5pm, free, until November 29.

STATE OF THE NATION: Gerald Scarfe and John Keane are *included in the survey of work* critical of political priorities and social trends in the 1980s.
Herbert Art Gallery, Jordan Well, Coventry (0203 25555), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until November 1.

LADY BUTLER (1846-1933): Battle paintings and other works by an immensely popular academic painter.
Durham Light Infantry Museum, Aykley Heads, Durham (0385 42214), Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until November 8.

OPERA

☆ **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO:** Penetrating production by Johannes Schaaf and lively musical direction by Bernard Haitink make *this a Figaro* not to be missed.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£70.

☆ **PACIFIC OVERTURES:** Stephen Sondheim's superficial Kabuki-style satire on American colonialism in Japan in the 1858s. Visually spectacular, musically thin.
English National Opera, Colisaeum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.50pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Richard Jones's restaging of David Pountney's entertaining original production for Scottish Opera.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£21.

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** *Revival of* Christopher Renshaw's popular production for New Sadler's Wells Opera, in London before a tour.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£16.50.

DANCE

☆ **STEPHEN PETRONIO:** American dance group brought to London by Dance Umbrella.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London, W6 (01-748 3354)-8-10pm, £6.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's dramatic production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Odeon, Doncaster (0302 342523), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£7.

☆ **LA FILLE MAL GARDEE:** Ashton's romantic comedy for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
Empire Theatre, High Street, West Sunderland (091 514 2517) 7.30-9.45pm £3-£11.

TALKS

ARE WE ALL SCIENTISTS NOW?: Lecture by Professor Malcolm Newson, University of Newcastle upon Tyne.
University of Durham, Science Labs, South Road, Durham (091 374 2947), 4.15pm, free.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending Oct 17

FICTION

1	Spring of The Ram, Dorothy Dunnett	Michael Joseph	£10.95
2	Winter, Len Deighton	Century Hutchinson	£10.95
3	Hot Money, Dick Francis	Michael Joseph	£10.95
4	*The Child In Time,* Ian McEwan	*Cape*	*£10.95*
5	The New Confessions, William Boyd	Hamish Hamilton	£11.95

NON-FICTION

1	Pocket Wine Guide 1988, Hugh Johnson	Mitchell Beazley	£ 4.95
2	Oscar Wilde, Richard Ellmann	Hamish Hamilton	£15.00
3	The Secret Wars of The CIA, Bob Woodward	Schuster	£14.95
4	Discovery of The Titanic, Robert Ballard	Hodder	£16.95
5	God Bless Her!, Robert Lacey	Century	£10.95

PAPERBACKS

1	Floyd on France, Keith Floyd	BBC	£ 6.95
2	*The Old Devils,* Kingsley Amis	Penguin	£ 3.95
3	The Complete Hedgehog, Les Stocker	Chatto	£ 6.95
4	Redback, Howard Jacobson	Black Swan	£ 3.95
5	The Fish Course, Jane Hicks	BBC	£ 6.95
6	O-Zone, Paul Theroux	Penguin	£ 3.95
7	Ramage At Trafalgar, Dudley Pope	Fontana	£ 2.95
8	Night of The Fox, Jack Higgins	Pan	£ 2.95
9	A Misalliance, Anita Brookner	Grafton	£ 2.95
10	Backcloth, Dirk Bogarde	Penguin	£ 3.50

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

WALKS

SHAKESPEARE'S LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.25.

JACK THE RIPPER WALK: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE HAUNTED CITY: *meet* St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

INTERIOR MYSTERIES OF THE TEMPLE: meet Temple tube,11am, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

WOODWORKER SHOW: Trade stands, demonstrations of carving, chair making, carpentry and turning; cabinet making, marquetry, toys and a 14ft totem pole carved by children.
Alexandra Pavilion, Wood Green, London, N22 (01-883 6477). Today until Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm, £3.50, child £1.50.

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW: Competitions, from honey to beeswax, mead to confectionery; trade stands; lectures.
Pembroke Hall, Queensway, Bayswater, London, W2. Today 2pm-7.30pm, tomorrow 10am-7.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, £1, under-16s 20p.

18TH CENTURY BOOKS: Over 300. Includes first edition of Captain Cook and John Hawkesworth's *An Account of the Voyages...: for making discoveries of the Southern Hemisphere,* published 1773.
Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London EC1 (01-833 2636), 1pm.

MUSEUM WORKSHOP: *On the* making of the audio-visual programme: *History Under our Feet.*
Museum of London, London Wall EC2 (01-600 3699). 1.10pm. Free.

MIME WORKSHOPS: Part of the Netherbow Festival of Mime and Mask, two practical sessions, conducted by Pat Keysell.
The Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh (031 556 9579). Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-12.30pm, £2, student £1.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS: Carols, dances and instrumental music with the New London Consort; *entertainers, jesters, jugglers, and* fire-eaters Dec 21.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1. (01 928 3191, cc 928 8800,info 928 3002) Advance booking open. General booking from Nov 3.

SINGCIRCLE: Vocal ensemble perform Stockhausen's *Stimmung, to mark 10th anniversary of their* first performance of it. Tour includes Bristol (St George's, Oct 30); Oxford (Sheldonian, Oct 31); Birmingham (Adrian Boult Hall, Nov 3); and York (Sir Jack Lyons Hall, Nov 4).
Arts Council Contemporary Music Network (01-629 9495).

LAST CHANCE

SUN LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS: 40 British photographers, including Fay Godwin, Jo Spence and Tim Simmons.
National Museum of Photography, Princes View, Bradford, West Yorkshire. (0274 727488) Ends Sat.

MALCOLM DRUMMOND: Founder member of Camden Town Group of artists.
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter. (0392 265858) Ends Sat.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tom't 7.45 *LONDON* SYMPHONY ORCH Otmar Suitner (cond) Prog inc Beethoven Piano Concerto No 4 Brahms Symphony No 1.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm RPO Vlastimil Ashkenazy (conductor/piano). Strauss: Don Juan. Beethoven Piano Concerto No.3, Strauss Also sprach Zarathustra.

OPERA & BALLET

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Leon Errol in Poppa Knows Worst (b/w) **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel bulletins at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Open Air. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. **10.00** News and weather followed by **Going for Gold**. Quiz show (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School**, presented by Chloe Ashcroft and Nick Mercer, and **Gran** narrated by Patricia Hayes (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Paul Alexander with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Open Air presented by Bob Wellings and Susan Rae. **12.00** News and weather **12.05** Daytime Live. Today's edition of the magazine programme includes guest 12-year-old artist Stephen Wiltshire and a review of *Beverly Hills Cop 2* by a British police officer. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** **Neighbours**. Clive tries his hand at another business venture. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz. **2.15** Film: **White Corridors** (1951, b/w) starring James Donald, Googie Withers and Petula Clark. Hospital drama in which pressures of work put strains on already rocky relationships. Directed by Pat Jackson.

3.50 Wizbit with Paul Daniels (r). **4.05** Batty Adventures **4.15** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version (r). **4.20** Beat the Teacher. Quiz game **4.35** Thundercats. **4.55** Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. **5.35** Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams, presented by Angela Rippon. **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Top of the Pops presented by Gary Davies and Simon Bates. **7.30** EastEnders. Colin receives news from a friend in the United States; and Dr Legg has strong advice for Ethel. (Ceefax) **8.00** Tomorrow's World includes news of hydraulically-powered cutters to help the fire brigade; an inquest into the lack of warning about Friday morning's gales; a vehicle to inspect the underside of bridges from above; and a new pesticide extracted from the neem tree. **8.30** In Sickness and in Health. A new series finds home help Winston a paying guest in Alf's home and daughter Rita back in London after leaving her layabout husband. **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Harvey. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Blackadder the Third. The Prince Regent's scheming butler suggests that his Scottish cousin, MacAdder, take the place of his master when the Prince is challenged to a duel by the Duke of Wellington. (Ceefax) **10.00** Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are John Banham, Polly Toynbee and MPs Donald Dewar and John Wakeham. **11.00** World Gymnastics Championships from Rotterdam. The Men's Team Final. **11.50** Save a Life. Emergency first aid series (r). (Ceefax) **12.00** Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.25** Daytime on Two: the beginning of Austria's school year **9.42** Preparing a television newscast **10.15** Fabrics **10.38** Measurement in science **11.00** Thinkabout **11.15** The Gunpowder Plot **11.35** A week in the life of five girl friends **12.05** Catalysis **12.25** A major issue of the week **12.50** Microtechnology **1.20** For the very young **1.35** The sound of words **2.00** News and weather **2.02** Puppets. **2.15** Snooker and Racing. Fifth round action in the Rothmans Grand Prix from Reading; and the Hogg Robinson Stakes (2.30); the Match Horris Hill Stakes (3.00); the EBF Theale Maiden Stakes (3.30); and the Letcombe Handicap Stakes (4.00) from Newbury. Includes news and weather at **2.50** and **3.45**. **5.00** Motofair 87. The second of two programmes from Earl's Court presented by Mike Smith and Janet Ellis. **5.30** Gardeners' World from Barnsdale (r) **6.00** Battlestar Galactica. Science fiction series.

6.50 Starshot. The final of the Daihatsu Pro-Celebrity Championship. Bob Champion and A.J.Smith meet Anthony Andrews and Duncan Lawton. **7.20** Miniature Worlds. The wildlife of a tree stump. (Ceefax) **7.30** Ebony includes a portrait of Ghana's Yaa Asantewa who fought against Britain's colonization of her country. **8.00** Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall is joined by Stan Phillips and Nicky Henson; Frank Muir by Claire Francis and Norman Painting. **8.30** Top Gear includes Sue Baker driving the latest Lotus and Chris Goffey reporting on the British Truck Grand Prix. **9.00** Alas Smith and Jones. More comedy sketches. (Ceefax) **9.30** Taming the Dragon. David Taylor examines the legacy Britain has inherited from 30 years of civil nuclear power. **10.15** International Snooker. Fifth round action in the Rothmans Grand Prix. **10.45** Newsnight **11.30** Weather. **11.35** International Snooker. A further visit to Reading. Ends at **12.15**.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30**; weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**. **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; and pop music at **7.55**. After Nine includes a recipe from Patrick Anthony and Claire Rayner's advice spot. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Runway. Travel quiz **10.00** Santa Barbara. Tawdry American soap **10.25** News headlines **10.30** The Time. . . The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical matter. **11.10** Puddle Lane (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Look Good, Feel Great. How to use clothes to hide bulges or accentuate curves **12.00** The Sullivans. **12.30** News with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news. **1.00** Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine dynasty **1.55** Home Cookery Club. Stuffed Courgettes **2.00** That's My Dog. Canine quiz. **2.30** All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden presents clips from the Cuba crisis of 25 years ago **3.00** Take the High Road **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** Flicks presented by Christopher Lillicrap **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin **4.20** Chish 'n' Fips (r). **4.45** The Haunted School. The story of an English governess who starts a school in a remote part of Australia. **5.15** Blockbusters. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help with news of *Acceptance* a telephone helpline for parents of gays.

6.35 Crossroads. **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. Kathy has a glimpse of high society. **7.30** Only When I Laugh. Comedy series set in a men's ward of a hospital (r). **8.00** Strike It Lucky. Quiz game presented by Michael Barrymore. **8.30** This Week: 18 Weeks? Margaret Jay reports on the chances of success of David Alton's proposed abortion bill. **9.00** The Equalizer. McCall investigates the kidnapping of a newly-born baby from a hospital, sure in his mind that the child is to be sold for adoption. Starring Edward Woodward and Michele Dotrice. (Oracle) **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. **10.30** The City Programme examines the shares crash to find out how it happened, why and what happens next. Plus, an analysis of the BP share flotation and a survey of the City a year after the Big Bang. **11.00** 01- for London. A new series offering a critical entertainment guide to what is on offer in the capital. **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H. Drama series set in Australian women's prison. **12.30** Meltdown. Then Jericho in concert. **1.00** A Problem Aired. Counselling series introduced by Hetty Einzig. **1.30** Jessie. Police psychologist series starring Lindsay Wagner. **2.30** News headlines followed by Too Close For Comfort. American comedy. **3.00** Film: Rattle of a Simple Man (1964, b/w) starring Harry H Corbett and Diane Cilento. The story of a bashful bachelor who is goaded by his football supporter mates into spending a night with a prostitute. Directed by Muriel Box. **5.00** ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00**.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools. **12.00** Business Daily. Business and financial news service. **12.30** Just 4 Fun. For young children. **1.00** Powerbase. The final programme of the Open College series on electricity. (Oracle) **1.30** The Business of Excellence. Entrepreneur Gifford Pinchot III discusses his ideas with Richard Branson, Ron Lord, Richard Onians and Anita Roddick (r). (Oracle) **2.00** Their Lordships' House (r). **2.15** Film: Love Story (1944, b/w) starring Margaret Lockwood, Stewart Granger and Patricia Roc. Melodramatic tale of a concert pianist with only a few months to live who meets a former RAF flyer who is going blind. Directed by Leslie Arliss. **4.20** Devon Whey. Cartoon. **4.30** Countdown. Today's challenger is Nic Brown, a Cambridge University student. **5.00** Marco Polo. The penultimate episode of the drama serial about the life of the Venetian adventurer (r). **6.00** Baseball: World Series. Games three and four at the home of the National League champions. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. **7.50** Comment and Weather. **8.00** Equinox: Command and Control. (Oracle) (see Choice) **9.00** The Masks of Death (1984) starring Peter Cushing and John Mills. A made-for-television Holmes and Watson adventure in which the master sleuth is tempted out of retirement in 1913 by the Home Secretary in order that he find a missing German diplomat. Directed by Roy Ward Baker. **10.30** Film: Streetwise (1984). A documentary observing the lives of a group of teenage runaways and outcasts fighting for survival in the streets of Seattle. Directed by Martin Bell. **12.10** Their Lordships' House. **12.25** Film: A Matter of Dignity (1957, b/w) starring Ellie Lambetti as the daughter of a bankrupt industrialist who is forced to re-evaluate her attitudes to materialism. Directed by Michael Cacoyannis. In Greek with English subtitles. Ends at **2.15**.

Echoes of Strangelove

TELEVISION CHOICE



On this British Polaris submarine are some of the world's stock of 50,000 nuclear weapons: Equinox, C4, 8.00pm

● **Equinox: Command and Control** (Channel 4, 8.00pm) is all grim statistics – 50,000 nuclear weapons worldwide; just 30 minutes flight-time for a nuclear missile from the Soviet Union to hit the US (and vice-versa, presumably). The American President is always shadowed by a man carrying a black attaché case that controls his half of the shooting match and, in the event of emergency, both President and case take to the air. During a rehearsal, President Carter missed the plane. *Command and Control* looks at what else might go wrong. Although technical safeguards have been developed to prevent the Mad Major scenario, it is suggested that these precautions were introduced only when the Americans started establishing nuclear bases in countries whose efficiency they didn't trust. "It wasn't fear of the Americans going berserk, or even Germans going nuts, but of Turks and Greeks," says one man, scarcely able to control his mirth. This deadliest of subjects provokes a certain amount of nervous hilarity, and the black comedy of *Dr Strangelove* is never far away. British procedure towards countdown operates like a rickety game-show: open the safe, remove the envelopes, compare the contents with your partner and, if they match, announce: "My half of the signal authenticates." The Americans, by comparison, are frighteningly robotic and computerized. Their excessive jargon and euphemism amounts to a slaughtering of language and does not bode well. Technically, nothing can go wrong, but doubts remain about the human factor. A naval commander volunteers: "If something can't go wrong, it will."

Chris Petit

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight. **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Lesley Curwen) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Peeling Back the Years (John Peel talks to John Walters) **10.00** to **12.00** Andy Kershaw. **VHF** stereo Radios 1 and 2:– **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00** to **4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club (live from Nashville, Tennessee) **9.00** Rhythm and Blues **10.00** Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter **10.30** Star Sound Cinema **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00am** Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Best of British 7.45 Network UK **8.00** News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel **9.00** News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.45 Training for Tomorrow **10.00** News 10.01 Savoy Operas 10.30 Don't Stop Now. It's Fundation **11.00** News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 A Letter from England 11.30 Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.45 Sports Roundup **1.00** News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Spinners and Friends **2.00** Outlook 2.45 Write On – **3.00** Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure Years **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary 4.15 Assignment 4.45 World Today **5.00** News 5.09 A Letter From England 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuel **8.00** News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Business Matters **9.00** News 9.01 Book Choice 9.05 In the Meantime 9.15 A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter From England 10.30 Financial News 10.45 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup **11.00** News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Time For Verse 11.40 Farming World **12.00** News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now **1.00** News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Spinners and Friends 1.45 Book Choice 1.50 In the Meantime **2.00** News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Tech Talk 2.30 Solti at 75 **3.00** News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: J.C. Bach (La cascina overture: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood), Schubert (12 German Dances, D 790; and Seligkeit, D 433: Ameling, soprano, and Demus, hammerflugel), Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on Greensleeves: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields), Berwald (Sinfonie singulière: Gothenburg SO) **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (contd): Dvorak (Scherzo capriccioso, Op 66: Cleveland Orchestra under Christoph von Dohnanyi), Vivaldi (Concerto in G for two mandolins, RV 532: Parley of Instruments), Jean Francaix (Quartet for cor anglais and string trio: Fiet Concertino), Copland (El salon México: Detroit SO) **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Bartok. The Wooden Prince suite (Southwest German RSO), Six dances in Bulgarian rhythm (Bartok on piano), Dance Suite (Philharmonia) **10.00** Ginette Neveu: the French violinist in recordings of Sibelius's Violin Concerto (Philharmonia), Kreisler arrangement of Tartini's Variations on theme of Corelli, Suk's Four Pieces, Op 16, and works by Dushkin **11.00** Trombone and Piano: Christian Lindeberg and Richard McMahon. Frank Martin's Ballade, Hindemith's Sonata, and Serocki's Sonatine **11.30** Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts (r) **11.50** Liszt: Antony Peebles plays Fantasy on Beethoven's The Ruins of Athens, and Spanish Rhapsody **12.20** Holst, Vaughan Williams, Walton: Holst (A Somerset Rhapsody), Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music, with soloists Jennifer Adams, Juliet Trastini, Neil Archer, and Jonathan Roberts), Walton (The Twelve, with soloists Feavour, Harris, Bingham, Leigh and Sherratt, with BBC Concert Orchestra and BBC Singers) **1.00** News **1.05** Bristol Concert: De Saram Clarinet Trio play Archduke Rudolph of Austria's Trio for clarinet, cello, and piano: and Zemlinsky's Trio in D minor, Op 3 **2.00** Les Brigands: Offenbach's three-act operetta. Sung in French. John Miner conducts Chorus of the Grand Théatre, Geneva, and Suisse Romande Orchestra. Soloists include Ugo Benelli Christian Asse, Maurica Sieyes, Thierry Dran, Mariette Kemmar, and Samuel Hasler **4.25** Frank Bridge: Bernard Roberts (piano) plays his Sonata **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Geoffrey Norris **6.25** Bandstand: William Davis Construction Group Band, under Keith Wilkinson, play Gregson's March Prelude for Brass Band, Derek Bourgeois's Blitz, and Eric Ball's A Kensington Concerto **6.55** News **7.00** South German Radio Choir: Messiaen's O sacrum convivium, Grieg's Marienlied, Wolf's Ergebung, and Resignation, Schumann's Der träumende See, and Die Minnesänger; Die Lotosblume; and Rossini's I gondolieri **7.30** Bournemouth SO, under Andrew Litton, with Jeffrey Kahane (piano). Part one. Delius (Brigg Fair), Tchaikovsky (Serenade in C major for string orchestra, Op 48) **8.20** Inescapable Attractions: compilation of prose and verse about the city of Bristol. Read by Hugh Burden, June Barrie and Bill Wallis (r) **8.40** Concert: part two. Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini), and Respighi's The Pines of Rome **9.30** Collectivisation and Soviet Power: a talk by Dr Katherine Andreyev, of Christ Church, Oxford **9.50** Guitar Music: Michael Lorimer plays Francesca Corbetta's Suite in C, Leo Brouwer's Six Epigrammatic Preludes, and Le Cocq's Folias de Espana **10.20** Music in Our Time: Endymion Ensemble under Simon Bainbridge perform John Lambert's Veni Creator Spiritus (with soloists Alan Byers and Stephen Roberts), Three pieces from the cycle Sea-change: Waves; Time and Tides; and Mutations **11.20** Classical Flute: Haydn (Trio in C major and Divertimento in G major), and Mozart (Flute quartet in D major, K 285). With Barthold Kuijken (transverse flute), Sigiswald Kuijken (violin), Wieland Kuijken (cello), and Lucy Van Dael (viola) **11.57** News **12.00** Closedown



Runaway Tiny "The Waif": Streetwise, C4, 10.30pm

VARIATIONS

Syndrome **2.20am** Dateline **2.50** News, Jobfinder.

BBC1 Wales: **5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Keen On The Past **12.00-12.05am** News **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 6.35pm-6.40** Today's Sport **6.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Masterteam **8.30-8.00** Spotlight **12.00-12.05am** News and weather **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 Wales: **8.30am-6.55** Masterteam.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm** News **1.00-2.00** Outsiders **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00-8.00** Magnum **10.30** On Mr Repton's Advice **11.00** Hunter **12.00** Donahue **1.00am** Glastonbury Festival **2.00-2.30** Cover Story **5.00** Once Upon A Time...Man **8.30** Easy Street **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-2.00** Blache's Magic **3.00** Clegg's People **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.30** Magnum **11.30** Matthew Brown Pool Classic **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** TV Censored Bloopers **6.00-6.35** News **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Central Sportsworld **12.00** Film: China Syndrome **2.20am** Dateline **2.50** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** The Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00** Recollections **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** The Sullivans **3.00-3.30** Child's Play **5.00** Channel Report **6.00-6.35** Home Cookery Club **10.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.30** Party with the Rovers **12.00** Timothy De Quetteville **12.05am** Man in a Suitcase **1.00** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Outsiders **3.00** Sons and Daughters **3.30-4.00** The Smurfs **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **10.30** America's Top Ten **11.00** Dream Tara **11.30** Oil **12.30am** News. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **12.00** Granada Reports **1.00-1.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **10.30** State of the Region **11.00** 9 to 5 **11.30** Don McLean at the Forum **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-1.55** Country Practice **6.00-6.35** News **10.30** West This Week **11.10** Weekend Outlook **11.15** Scene '87 **11.45** Hunter **12.45am** Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six **10.30** Wales This Week **11.00** Artists of Wales **11.30-12.30am** Hunter.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Country Practice **3.00-4.00** Curling Skins **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **7.00-7.30** Take the High Road **10.30** Scottish Questions **11.15** America's Top Ten **11.45** Late Call **11.50** Curling **12.45am** Closedown.

TSW As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00** Knight Rider **2.00-2.30** Different Strokes **6.00** Today **6.25** That's My Dog **6.55** Taleviews **7.05-7.30** Easy Street **10.32** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.25** At the Maintenance Shop **11.55** View From This Side **12.10am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** The Young Doctors **1.00** Recollections **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** The Sullivans **3.00-3.30** Child's Play **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Prisoner Cell Block H **11.30** Agenda **12.00** Employment Action! **12.05am** Man in a Suitcase **1.00** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.50pm** News **1.00-1.55** Story of Tutankhamun **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.32** First Edition **11.15** Jude **1.15am** One World Week. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **12.50pm** Newstime **1.00-2.00** Family Theatre **3.30-4.00** Bygones **6.00** Six Tonight **6.25-6.35** Police Six **10.30** Counterpart **11.00** Reading Fax Picture **12.00** Easy Street **12.25am** Newstime. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Lunchtime Live **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Carson's Law **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.30** James Galway Invites...violinist Nigel Kennedy **11.00** Jimmy's **12.00** Film: Goin' South **2.00am** Jobfinder **3.00** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Open College **2.00** Film: Kate Plus Ten' **3.30** Munsters' **4.00** Ffalabalam **4.15** Hamner Dwsin **4.25** Hafoc **5.00** Changing Times **5.30** I Dream of Jeanie **6.00** Brookside **6.30-4** What h's Worth **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Rosalind a Myrddin **8.00** Flamio **8.30** Sid **8.30** Smwcr **10.00** Chiefs **11.50** International Sprint Rowing **12.30am** Film: A Matter of Dignity' **2.15** Closedown.

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News, **6.45** Business News, **6.55, 7.55** Weather, **7.00, 8.00** News, **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament, **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Face the Facts: John Waite and his team of investigators tackle another complaint made by a listener or listeners (r) **9.30** The Natural History Programme: Wildlife cameraman Paul Atkins and Michael De Gruy talk to Fergus Keeling about their adventures in Hawaii **10.00** News; Medicine Now: What's new in medical science? with Geoff Watts (r) **10.30** Morning Story: The Seventh Pullet, by H H Munro. Read by Arnold Peters **10.45** An Act of Worship (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Analysis: America's Attic. Canadians have long been haunted by this image of their country. David Wheeler explores the new direction in Canadian policy (r) **11.47** School Reports: Written and read by Alex Ferguson who plays a headmaster making his summer report to his school governors **12.00** News; You and Yours: A special edition about the Consumer Protection Act and the achievements of pressure groups. Presented by John Howard **12.25** After Henry: Bittersweet comedy series about three generations of women in the same family. With Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Benjamin Whitrow (r) (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.40** The Archers, **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray. Items include Claire Tomalin's assessment of the writer Katherine Mansfield. And Shelley Thompson and Lyndon Brook read Laurie Colwin's story Another Marvellous Thing **3.00** News: The Afternoon Play: Murmur of a Summer's Day, by John Pilkington. With a cast including Terry Molloy and Neil Coker(s) **4.00** News **4.05** Bookshelf: with Nigel Forde. Profile of Olivia Manning, whose Balkan Trilogy and Levant Trilogy are being dramatized on BBC1 as Fortunes of War **4.35** Kaleidoscope: Items include A Lie of the Mind, at the Royal Court; and the film Witches of Eastwick (r) **5.00** PM, **5.50** Shipping, **5.55** Weather **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.30** Counterpoint: Musical knowledge quiz chaired by Ned Sherrin (The final, between Hampton Oates, Ralph Stone, and John Haden (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Any Answers? A chance to air your views on subjects raised in last week's 'Any Questions?' introduced by Derek Jones **7.30** London to Brighton in 53 Minutes: Jack Tinker spends 53 minutes – the length of time it takes to get from London to Brighton – telling the story of Britain's most famous railway line. Contributors include Roy Hudd (see Choice) **8.25** You and Yours: An extended version of today's special edition, followed by a discussion on the future of consumerism **9.00** Does He Take Sugar?: Of special interest to the disabled **9.30** Miles Kington explores a theme with the help of recordings from the BBC Sound Archives **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Items include the film The Last of England, and the Scottish Opera production of Lulu **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Tarka the Otter, by Henry Williamson (4 of 10). Read by David Davis **10.30** The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News, weather **12.33** Shipping **VHF:** as above except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Let's Make a Story! **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry) **2.40** Listen! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Geography: Our Changing World **12.30** Energy Sources in East Asia **12.50** Rice Growing in Asia

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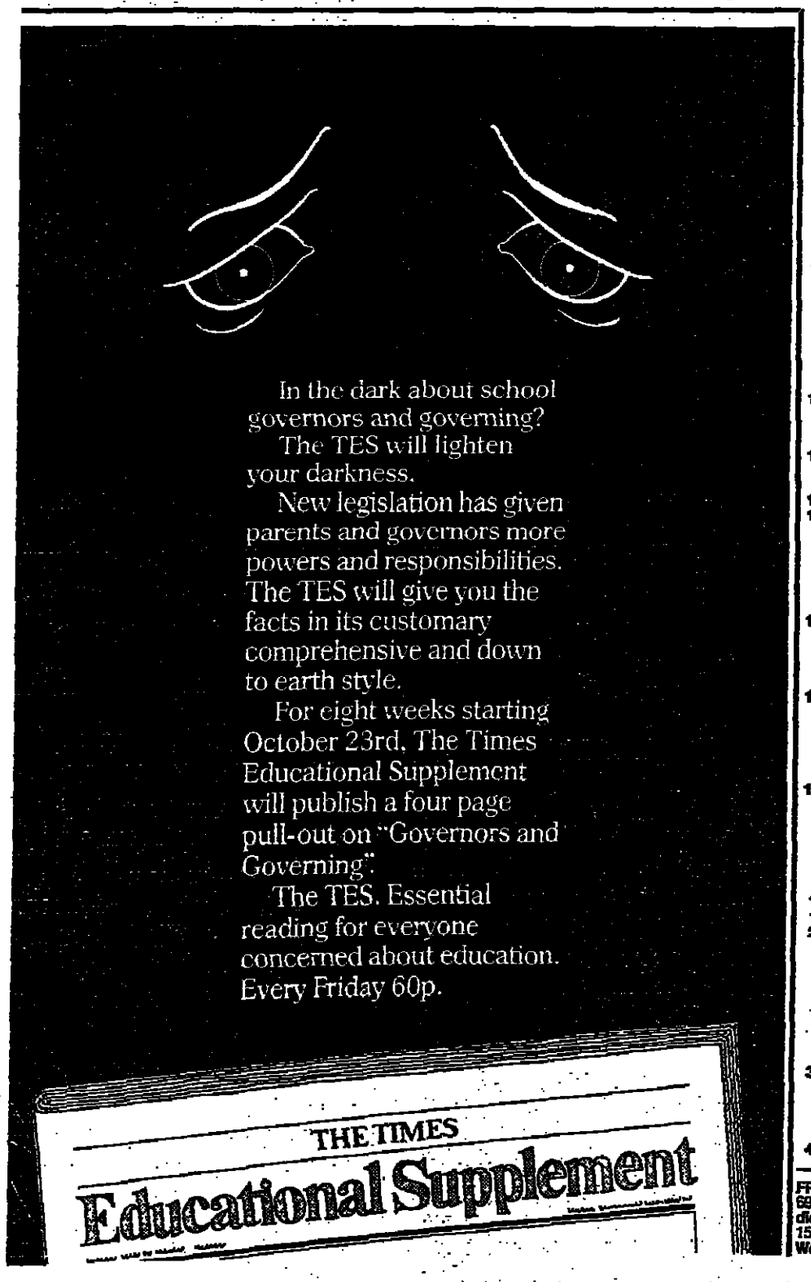
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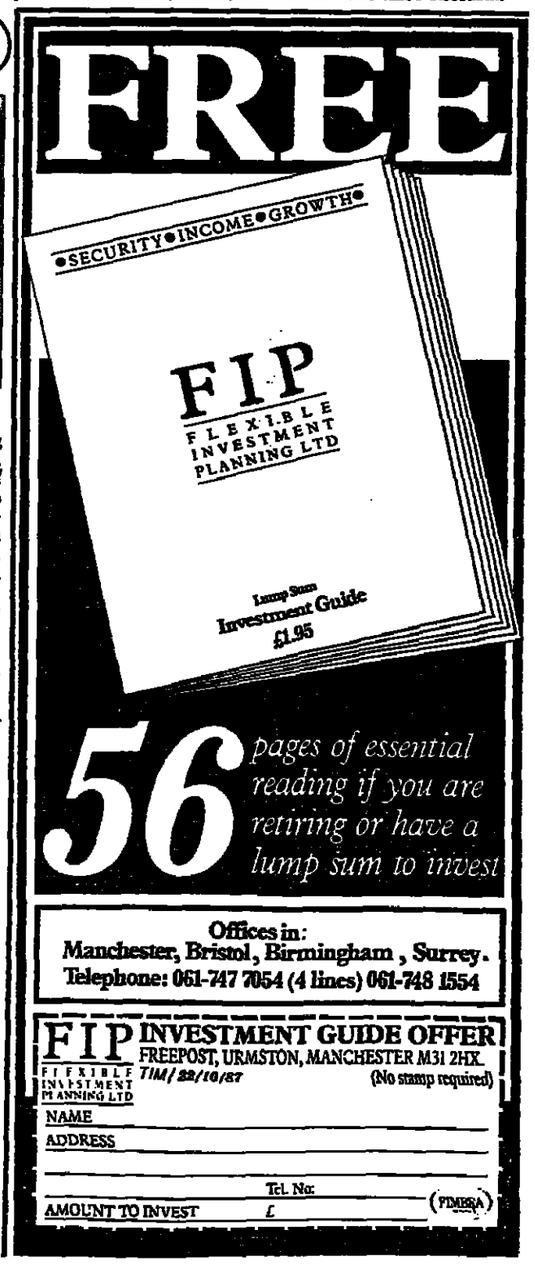


Jack Tinker: R4, 7.30pm

● Graham Greene having opted for the Orient Express, it has fallen to *Daily Mail* theatre critic Jack Tinker to immortalise its local equivalent in London to Brighton in **53 Minutes** (Radio 4, 7.30pm). True he does not come up with any spies en route, but there's the juicy murder of a retired corn merchant by a journalist, a tunnel crash that killed 23, a silent film star who (unlike Pearl White) was not untied from the rails in the nick of time, and a ghostly white shape called Charlie who, now and again, puts in an appearance close to a twin-towered miniature castle built over a tunnel's mouth. Tinker has been travelling the London to Brighton line for 30 years, but his lightly anecdotal documentary covers a much wider span that this – more than 130 years of the line's history, from the days when third-class accommodation was little more than a collection of rattling pig-pens on wheels and the steam engines were inclined to blow up, to the golden days of the Brighton Belle when chef Ron Simpson would serve up 128 dinners in forty minutes flat, and the floral embellishments in iron were not the same in any two coaches.

Peter Davalle





After the winds come the waters



Four legs proved better than four wheels for getting about Alconbury, Cambridgeshire yesterday after the Great Ouse burst its banks (Photograph: Graham Wood)

By David Cross

The Home Counties, still recovering from the ravages of last week's gales, received a severe setback yesterday when they were hit with heavy flooding after more than an inch of overnight rain.

Floods up to four feet deep were reported on some roads and several railway lines were closed by a combination of floodwater and landslips. Villages in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire were cut off and towns such as Luton in Bedfordshire and Haywards Heath in Sussex were knee-deep in water.

In Hertfordshire the M25 was blocked for a while and Scotland Yard said that some of London's busiest roads, including the North Circular and the Mall, were under water up to three feet deep. In four hours the London Fire Brigade answered more than 500 flood calls, mostly in the south-western and north-eastern suburbs.

In Brixton, south London, the driver of a minibus and his two passengers escaped with cuts and bruises when a tree, weakened during the gales, fell on the vehicle. In Hayward's Heath, Sussex, 15 residents of an old people's home were rescued from rising flood water.

Residents in areas of Brighton, Sussex, whose homes were deluged by mudslides two weeks ago watched anxiously all night as water threatened to breach temporary dams.

The railway line between Guildford and Reading was closed after water rose more than six feet to cover it. Trains between London and Brighton were delayed by signal faults caused by the deluge and a landslip between Wivelsfield and Lewes, Sussex, blocked the line from Hastings and Eastbourne to London. Another landslip, which brought down a tree, blocked the main London to Portsmouth line near Petersfield, Hampshire.

In Kent, which escaped most of the rain overnight but which suffered most damage in last week's hurricane-force winds, official flood alerts were issued for three rivers, the Medway, the Eden and the Telse. In Buckinghamshire, a similar warning was issued for the Colne. Other rivers in the Thames Valley were also running dangerously high.

Water authorities said that the gales had aggravated the situation because drains were blocked by leaves and rivers were choked by fallen trees abd debris. Natural drainage was also impaired because the ground was already saturated by record October rainfall.

The weather forecasters, heavily criticized for their failure to predict last week's storms, emerged relatively unscathed. The Meteorological Office said that the London Weather Centre had broadcast a warning of the heavy rain three hours before it struck.

As the downpours moved northwards to give way to more intermittant showers in the south, the Weather Centre promised a respite from floods and gales over the next few days. "We are due to get some drier, sunnier weather for a while", a spokesman said.

Mr Jeffrey Salmon, managing director of one of Britain's largest insurance claim negotiators, warned householders to beware of cowboy house repairers who try to put in inflated bills.

Since last Friday's storm, Mrs Patricia Churchley, aged 45, of Gibbons Close, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, has received nearly 1,000 misdirected phone calls, including several from abroad.

British Telecom said the problem was probably caused by water in a junction box, which was short-circuiting the line.

Around 80,000 people in London, Kent, Sussex and East Anglia were still without a telephone service yesterday as a result of the gale. An extra 600 engineers from other parts of the country have been called in.

The storms claimed another victim when an estate worker clearing damaged trees was killed by a falling branch at Plumpton Place, near Lewes, Sussex.

Mrs Sylvia Brown, aged 55, a Canvey Island postwoman trapped under a fallen 40ft poplar tree in the garden of her home for nearly three hours last Friday before being cut free by firemen and taken to hospital, has now died.

Commons sketch

Storm of debate on two disasters

Westminster was stricken with a log jam yesterday. In the aftermath of not one national disaster, but two (and that's not to mention the BP issue), Parliament reconvened after its summer recess. Some summer it has been.

Not surprisingly, MPs were falling over each other like toppling trees to pay tribute to everyone who had been doing so well in their absence: the emergency services; the electricity board linesmen; the helicopter pilots; the radio hams. Yes, even the media (well, particularly Swansea Sound and BBC Radio in South Wales, but media nonetheless).

Mr Dave Nellist, (Lab, Coventry South), went further. He usually does. He took upon himself the unlikely role of the weatherman's friend, inviting Mr Nicholas Ridley, the windswept and moderately ravaged Environment Secretary, to reprimand those of his colleagues who would make the men from the Meteorological Office the scapegoats for all that had happened.

The chamber of the House of Commons not uncommonly looks like a sadly depleted forest laid low by some terrible bout of wind, so these nobly recumbent figures plainly understood what the rest of us had been through. But where there is life, there is hope. When the Speaker, seeking to limit discussion of the recent hurricane, asked only those members whose constituencies had been worst affected to try to catch his eye, the Tory benches almost to a man sprang to attention.

Some storms, of course, are more predictable than others. It was Mr Ridley's case, frequently reiterated, that prudent local authorities could have been expected to put a little by for such a windy day. Over and above that, the Government was willing to do its bit by something that had been salvaged from the wreckage, called the Bellwin formula.

But when he was invited to pay tribute to the Labour local authorities' direct labour organizations, who had got out of bed at 3am, the public-spirited Mr Ridley protested. "I wouldn't want to play politics with what has been a national tragedy", he cried. "Hoo, boo, boo", the wind-howled alarmingly from the Labour side. Grown men looked about for signs of falling masonry.

Mr Bernie Grant (Lab, Tottenham) who looms as ominous as the darkest raincloud, came up on the horizon of his party's backmost bench to demand how local authorities could be expected to predict what even Mr Nellist's understaffed and poorly computerized claims down in Bracknell could not see coming. They didn't have to, Mr Ridley tetchily replied, and accused Mr Grant and his colleagues of wilful misunderstanding.

Mr Terence Higgins (C, Worthing) expressed a desire to cut through the financial jargon. Notably, though, he had forgotten to bring his chainsaw along. The Labour environment spokesman, Mr John Cunningham, was keen to prove that he could quote the product of a penny rate in every local authority area affected by the hurricane, while Mr Ridley claimed to be erring on the side of generosity.

This was, he said, because he had not revalued the penny that local authorities fork out under Bellwin rules in the light of inflation. The financial jargon flowed like a Welsh flood.

And that of course was the subject for the second disastrous statement of the day. Very wet Wales, and slightly damp too, its Secretary of State, Mr Peter Walker. He too was boxing by Bellwin rules, but generally adopted a less combative stance than his predecessor in the ring, Mr Ridley. He did wax indignant when Mr Alan Williams (Lab, Swansea South) sought to exclude officials of the Welsh Office from the ranks of those who had done well.

But he said right out that nobody, but nobody, could have predicted a storm in which more rain would fall in 25 hours than the average for the whole month. And when he was asked what would happen if local authorities spent all their prudently accumulated contingency funds and another disaster struck later in the winter, he said a surprising thing. It was that he did not know.

Robin Young

Storm cuts blood for hospitals

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

A serious shortage of blood supplies in London and the South-east caused by the severe weather has forced thousands of operations to be postponed.

Routine surgery for hip replacement and other operations has been halted because the number of blood donors has dwindled.

Mr Tony Newton, the Minister of Health, appealed yesterday for blood donors to come forward to relieve the shortage. He said: "The severe storms which hit the south of England last Friday have now led to severe blood shortages".

Donations are being used only for emergencies. Blood group O is scarcest, although the Department of Health and Social Security said crisis measures were not needed.

One of the worst affected areas is north-west London where the blood donation centre saw its supplies drop by 80 per cent last Friday.

Dr Marcela Contrera, director of the North West Thames transfusion centre, said: "We can cope with an emergency like accidents but not with all routine surgery."

She added that donors could solve the problem by Saturday.

Prince is greeted by rain in his homeland

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visit Dyfed County Council's emergency control centre, which between Monday morning and Tuesday night handled 897 calls for help, rescued 57 people and 92 animals, and heard with dismay of the deaths of four people in the train which plunged into the Towy.

The Prince looked concerned, and wore his "Oh bad luck" grimace as he heard accounts of the deluge; the Princess scowled when she saw photographers, no doubt suspecting that they were there only to record the Wales's first public appearance together since September 16.

The Prince told one flood victim, Mr Darrel Reynolds, that he would "do what he could to help" without being specific. Mr Reynolds said afterwards: "I would rather have had £2,000 compensation than a royal visit. There is nothing they can do."

Mr Reynolds said that with no electricity and the floodwater rushing into his living-room, it had been "very frightening" in the dark.

After visiting police and fire stations, the Prince told reporters: "We both feel terribly sorry for people who have lost a lot of belongings and furniture, and particularly for people who lost relatives in the train disaster".

● The Prince and Princess are to visit Thailand next February for two days on their way back from Australia's bicentennial celebrations.

● Tens of thousands of trees brought down in last week's hurricane are to be replaced in an unprecedented government recovery operation.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, told MPs that he was allocating an extra £3 million to restoring the nation's woods and parks.

The amount paid by Whitehall to local authorities for replanting would be temporarily boosted from 50 per cent of the cost to 90 per cent.

Authorities are considering trying to establish a wider variety of species. Today's cleaner atmosphere could lead to a rebirth of traditional oaks, elms and limes in place of the ubiquitous plane tree, favoured by past generations because of its capacity to withstand smog and soot.

Italy escorting tanker loaded with Iranian oil

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

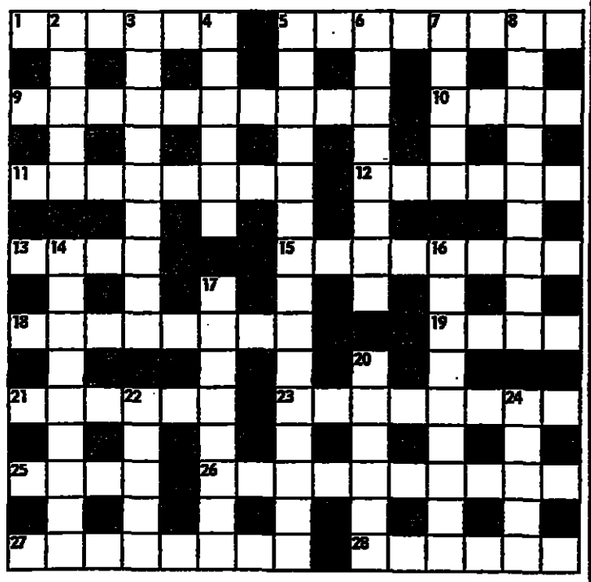
Shortly before dawn this morning — and in conditions of great secrecy — an Italian frigate is expected to complete the first Western naval escort out of the Gulf for a tanker loaded with Iranian oil.

The Italians have avoided all comment on the unprecedented operation — which is unlikely to please the Americans whose own warships have been exclusively used for the protection of Arab oil and gas.

But the frigate Grecale, was last night preparing to sail from Abu Dhabi to the edge of Iranian territorial waters beside the off-shore terminal at Hormuz Island to meet the 250,000-tonne Italian-flagged supertanker, Ambronia, which sailed to Hormuz after dark on Monday to load Iranian crude oil.

● WASHINGTON: After weeks of wrangling and vacillation, the Senate yesterday voted for a compromise amendment that could place important curbs on US forces in the Gulf next year (Michael Binyon writes).

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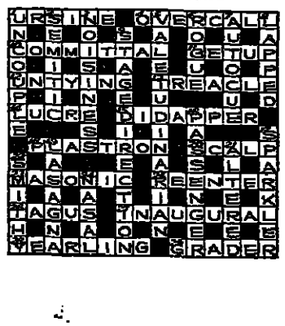
1 Tin-opener is breaking into the drink, that's obvious (6).
5 This struggle of course may have involved Jutes (4,4).
9 Marine establishment promoting native developments (6-4).
10 A dishonest inclination (4).
11 Unfavourable review drawn out (8).
12 Come ashore with gold to transport (6).
13 Banned cricketer retiring you say? (4).
15 Teachers require payment to admit one for feeding (8).
18 A troop leader put on trial for having sworn (8).
19 Soviet agreement to Navy repair (4).
21 Tether to bed with sheet perhaps (6).
23 Creature found on the sidewalk? (4-4).
25 This could be said from the platform (4).
26 The appeal of a trendy career (10).
27 Less familiar foreign monarch (8).
28 Southern summer is more miserable (6).

DOWN

2 Light working in material manufacture (5).
3 Bring in present (9).
4 Grass whichever way you look (6).
5 An old order on the way liable to be costly (5,3,7).
6 End to contest when short left jabbed in (8).
7 Flier who departed after a little quarrel (5).
8 Crate in no order to provide a receptacle (9).
14 Pay attention to social worker's assistant (9).
16 Charge journalist about article, it is suggested (9).
17 Prison enclosure showing signs of disturbance (8).
20 Criticises strikes (6).
22 A prophet some chose as leader (5).
24 Fuss about love (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,493



WEATHER

General situation: still unsettled though a quiet start to the weekend in store. For much of the country a brighter day in prospect with more in the way of sunshine but still with scattered heavy showers. Northern England will have a sunny morning with showers developing in the afternoon. Scotland will start generally cloudy and wet, particularly the north and west, becoming brighter and showery later. Northern Ireland will be similar. It will be windy in the far north. Outlook: dry and sunny tomorrow, overnight fog patches and ground frost, sunny spells on Sunday with further rain in the south and east later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s 24	75	Madrid	f 10	50
Alicatin	s 24	75	Majorca	f 23	73
Alex'dria	c 25	77	Malaga	f 20	68
Algiers	f 24	75	Malta	f 26	79
Amst'dm	s 15	59	Melb'rne	f 16	61
Athens	f 21	70	Miami*	c 30	86
Bahrain	s 33	91	Milan	c 14	57
Barbados*			Montreal*	r 12	54
Barcelna	f 19	66	Moscow	s 3	37
Beirut			Munich	c 10	50
Belgrade	c 16	61	Nairobi	f 29	84
Berlin	s 11	52	Naples	f 24	75
Bermuda*	f 27	81	N Delhi	s 26	79
Biarritz	s 16	61	N York*	s 18	64
Borde'x	f 14	57	Nice	s 23	73
Brussels	f 15	59	Oslo	c 10	50
Budapst	c 14	57	Paris	f 14	57
B Aires*	f 27	81	Perth	s 19	66
Cairo	f 27	81	Prague	c 11	52
Cape Tn	s 23	73	Reykjvik	c 3	37
C'blanca	c 20	68	Rhodes	s 22	72
Chicago*	f 13	55	Rio de J	r 20	68
Ch'church	c 13	55	Riyadh	s 34	93
Cologne	c 15	59	Rome	f 22	72
C'phgn	s 11	52	Salzburg	c 9	48
Corfu	f 22	72	S P'lsco*	c 16	61
Dublin	r 6	43	SanDiego*	f 19	66
Dubrovnik	s 20	68	S Paulo*	d 14	57
Faro	f 17	63	Seoul	s 11	52
Florence	s 18	64	Sing'por	f 31	88
Frankfurt	c 12	54	St'kholm	c 8	46
Funchal	f 21	70	Strasb'rg	c 13	55
Geneva	c 13	55	Sydney	c 18	64
Gibraltar	f 18	64	Tangier	f 20	68
Helsinki	c 4	39	Tel Aviv	s 25	77
Hong K	s 27	81	Tenerife	s 25	77
Innsbruck	f 15	59	Tokyo	s 21	70
Istanbul	f 16	61	Toronto*	r 7	45
Jeddah	s 33	91	Tunis	s 27	81
Jo'burg*	s 22	72	Valencia	f 20	68
Karachi	s 32	90	Vanc'ver*	s 13	55
L Palmas	s 24	75	Venice	c 17	63
Le Tquet	f 15	59	Vienna	c 11	52
Lisbon	f 14	57	Warsaw	s 13	55
Locarno	c 12	54	Wash'ton*	c 20	68
L. Angels*	f 19	66	Wel'ton	f 16	61
Luxembg	c 13	55	Zurich	f 16	61

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.1	.43	13	55	sunny
Bridlington	4.5	.20	14	57	bright
Cromer	3.9	.01	15	59	shower
Lowestoft	4.2	-	15	59	bright
Clacton	5.1	.05	17	63	sunny
Southend	5.1	.10	15	59	shower
Margate	-	.08	15	59	shower
Folkestone	5.4	.16	15	59	sh'nd'r
Hastings	6.5	.35	15	59	shower
Eastbourne	5.0	1.11	15	59	shower
Brighton	3.2	1.20	14	57	bright
Worthing	5.6	.72	15	59	shower
Littlehmptn	4.2	1.09	15	59	shower
Bognor R	3.6	1.01	14	57	rain
Southsea	3.5	.71	15	59	shower
Sandown	3.7	1.00	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	2.9	.85	13	55	shower
Bournemth	7.3	.16	15	59	bright
Poole	6.0	.11	14	57	shower
Swanage	4.6	.09	15	59	bright
Weymouth	5.3	.29	14	57	sunny
Exmouth	5.5	.13	12	54	sunny
Teignmouth	4.2	.01	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	5.8	.06	13	55	bright
Falmouth	6.7	.10	13	55	sunny
Penzance	6.8	.10	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	5.5	.02	13	55	hail
Jersey	2.3	.24	13	55	shower
Guernsey	1.3	.41	13	55	cloudy
Newquay	5.7	.07	16	61	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.45	14	57	shower
Minehead	6.8	.10	13	55	shower
B'pool Airpt	2.8	.21	14	57	shower
Morecambe	1.8	.27	14	57	shower
Douglas	-	.58	11	52	rain
B'ham Airpt	4.2	.44	14	57	shower
Bristol (Cnl)	2.6	.14	13	55	shower
Carlisle	1.4	.39	13	55	shower
London	3.2	.59	15	59	shower
Manchester	4.3	.46	13	55	shower
N'cstl-u-Tyne	3.0	.50	14	57	rain
Nottingham	2.7	.62	14	57	shower
Anglesey	0.1	1.08	12	54	shower
Cardiff (Cnl)	4.5	.43	13	55	shower
Colwyn Bay	4.8	.12	-	-	cloudy
Tenby	3.1	.61	11	52	rain
Aberdeen	-	.91	11	52	rain
Aviemore	0.3	.36	13	55	rain
Edinburgh	1.5	.32	14	57	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.1	.36	11	52	shower
Glasgow	0.5	.28	13	55	rain
Kinloss	-	.39	13	55	rain
Lerwick	-	.57	11	52	rain
Prestwick	1.3	.09	13	55	rain
Stornoway	-	.13	11	52	rain
Tiree	0.4	.77	11	52	rain
Wick	-	.43	11	52	rain
Belfast	-	1.48	9	48	rain

* Denotes figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.17	6.9	2.28	6.9
Aberdeen	1.31	4.2	2.02	4.1
Avonmouth	7.42	12.5	7.55	12.9
Belfast	11.20	3.4	11.40	3.4
Cardiff	7.27	11.6	7.40	11.9
Devonport	6.12	5.4	6.25	5.5
Dover	11.26	6.6	11.40	6.5
Falmouth	5.42	5.2	5.55	5.3
Glasgow	12.55	4.6	1.36	4.2
Harwich	12.13	3.9	12.23	4.0
Holyhead	10.48	5.4	10.59	5.6
Hull	6.43	7.3	7.08	7.2
Ilfracombe	6.29	8.9	6.42	9.1
Leith	2.54	5.3	3.19	5.4
Liverpool	11.45	9.1	11.59	9.3
Lowestoft	9.46	2.5	10.29	2.4
Margate	12.22	4.6	12.25	4.7
Milford Haven	6.43	6.8	6.56	7.0
Newquay	5.34	6.8	5.47	7.0
Oban	6.24	3.9	6.21	4.1
Penzance	5.10	5.5	5.22	5.6
Portland	7.42	2.2	7.44	2.3
Portsmouth	11.58	4.7	—	—
Shoreham	11.39	6.1	11.52	6.0
Southampton	11.33	4.5	11.44	4.5
Swansea	6.47	9.3	7.00	9.5
Tees	3.54	5.3	4.21	5.4
W'loo-on-Nze	12.06	4.2	12.18	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
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THE POUND

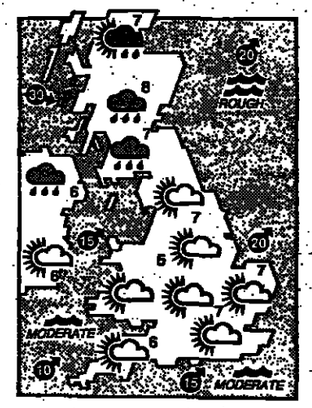
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.385	2.265
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.85	61.65
Canada $	2.256	2.148
Denmark Kr	11.92	11.32
Finland Mkk	7.53	7.13
France Fr	10.33	9.83
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	239	224
Hong Kong $	13.35	12.85
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lira	2249	2130
Japan Yen	248	236
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.31
Norway Kr	11.43	10.83
Portugal Esc	244	232
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.45
Spain Pta	200.50	190.50
Sweden Kr	10.93	10.39
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.45
USA $	1.725	1.645
Yugoslavia Dnr	1770	1520

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

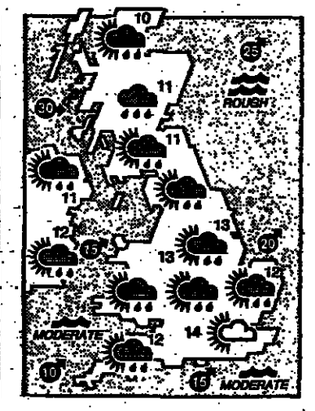
Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September)

London: The FT index closed up 68.1 at 1527.3.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.24 pm to 7.07 am
Bristol 6.34 pm to 7.17 am
Edinburgh 6.27 pm to 7.29 am
Manchester 6.28 pm to 7.20 am
Penzance 6.48 pm to 7.26 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r 9	48	Guernsey	c 11	52
B'mingham	c 13	55	Inverness	c 12	54
Blackpool	c 13	55	Jersey	c 11	52
Bristol	c 13	50	London	f 14	57
Cardiff	c 11	52	M'chester	f 13	55
Edinburgh	c 13	55	Newcastle	c 13	55
Glasgow	r 12	54	R'ridaway	c 11	52

Sun rises: 7.36 am
Sun sets: 5.54 pm
Moon rises: 7.16 am
Moon sets: 5.32 pm
New Moon 6.28 pm

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.10 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1009.3 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Cardiff, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, and Inverness, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Beaufort Park, Berkshire, 0.83 in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 6.2 hr.

MANCHESTER

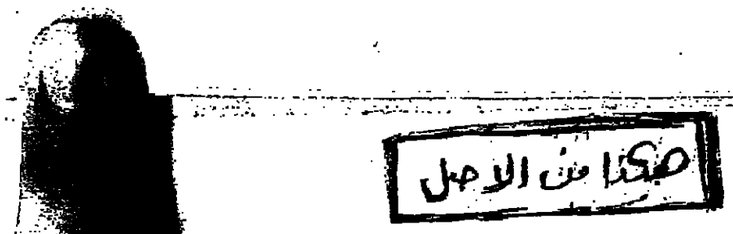
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.46 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.3 hr.

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1527.3 (+88.1)

FT-SE 100
1943.8 (+142.2)

Bargains
103680 (78969)

USM (Datastream)
196.67 (+10.44)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6555 (+0.0015)

W German mark
2.9948 (+0.0052)

Trade-weighted
73.4 (same)

Slower growth predicted

The latest summary of independent forecasts by the Treasury shows the average expectation is for economic growth to slow from 3.3 per cent this year to 2.4 per cent next year. Unemployment is expected to go on falling slightly from 2.81 million to 2.77 million.

Inflation, however, is forecast to rise from 4 per cent to 4.6 per cent, and the current account of the balance of payments to deteriorate from a deficit of £1.1 billion to £2.9 billion. The forecasts were all prepared before this week's slump in stock market prices.

Guinness sale

Guinness has completed the sale of its Martin CTN Group and Drummonds Pharmacy Group for a total consideration of £232.6 million, subject to adjustment on final audit which is expected to bring in an additional £12 million.

Lerose slips

The House of Lerose, the women's fashion designer, manufacturer and retailer, reported that turnover in the first half of 1987 fell 4 per cent to £8.6 million, while profit before tax slipped 7 per cent to £702,000.

Hutton buying

The board of the American EF Hutton Group has authorized management to repurchase, at its discretion, up to 10 per cent of its outstanding shares

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2002.18 (+161.15)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	23947.40 (+2037.3)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	Suspended
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	1568.9 (+19.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1669.4 (–74.7)
Brussels:	
General	n/a
Paris: CAC	349.8 (+17.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	635.2 (+34.3)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1007.47 (+55.52)
FT–"500"	1104.37 (+62.83)
FT. Gold Mines	396.8 (–30.8)
FT. Fixed interest	91.75 (+0.64)
FT. Govt Secs	85.47 (+0.26)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
British Gas	153p (+15p)
Glaxo	1253p (+180p)
ICI	1312p (+64p)
BP	301p (+16p)
Reuters	543p (+43p)
Saatchi & Saatchi	447p (+34p)
Midland	458p (+38p)
Storehouse	309p (+36p)
Pentland Ind.	189p (+54p)
Toye & Co.	245p (+30p)
Sun Alliance	895p (+30p)
Morgan Grenfell	420p (+40p)
Hammerson 'A'	598p (+30p)
Camford Eng.	213p (+28p)
Silentnight	157p (+17p)
Hawker Siddeley	465p (+25p)
BT	235p (+18p)
Virgin	127p (+14p)
CH Beazer	234p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Hogg Robinson	263p (–16p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 10⁹/₁₆-10⅛%
3-month eligible bills:9¹³/₁₆-9⅝% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9½%
Federal Funds 5⅜%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.60-5.59%*
30-year bonds 94¹⁷/₃₂-94¹⁹/₃₂*.

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6555	£: $1.6520*
£: DM2.9948	$: DM1.8125*
£: SwFr2.4866	$: SwFr1.5010*
£: FFr9.9893	$: FFr6.0395*
£: Yen237.90	$: Yen143.75*
£: Index:73.4	$: Index:100.9
ECU £0.694050	SDR £0.778219

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $466.65 pm-$467.00
close $466.50-467.00 (£281.75-282.25)
New York:
Comex $464.20-464.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $19.00bbl ($18.78)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Shares recover but US under pressure for tax changes

Markets seek deficit action

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Equity markets worldwide recovered strongly yesterday after their unprecedented declines earlier in the week. But bond and currency markets remained very nervous and the dollar edged lower, amid doubts about President Reagan's willingness to raise taxes to reduce the budget deficit.

The US Treasury said the 1987 Budget Statement, containing final estimates of the budget deficit for the year, which was due for publication today, had been delayed until next Tuesday.

Wild rumours, all of which proved to be untrue, contributed to the mood of fragility in the market.

In the London money markets, there were strong suggestions that the Bank of England was about to lead the clearing banks into a cut in base rates.

The Bank's action in the money markets was characterized as "unusually accommodative" but there was no hint of lower rates from the authorities — following the pattern set in New York the previous evening, when rumours about a reduction in the Federal Reserve discount rate swept the market.

A meeting between Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and Mrs Thatcher, which took place yesterday morning, appears to have been nothing more than a report by the Chancellor on the situation in the markets.

There are also signs that the economic row between West Germany and the United States is still simmering. Herr Friedhelm Ost, a spokesman for the West German government, said in Bonn that the country had fulfilled her commitments to the Louvre Accord on currencies, and it was now up to other countries to do so.

"This concerns the United States more than anyone else," he said, a reference to the twin trade and budget deficits in the US.

The Bonn government appears to have been angered by criticism of West German monetary policy from Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary.

In a speech to businessmen on Tuesday evening, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, made it clear that in his Monday meeting with Mr Baker in Frankfurt, he had answered back with some criticisms of his own.

"Criticism is not a one-way street," he said.

The US bond market, which has been highly sensitive to concerns about higher interest rates, traded in a narrow range, with the long bond yield between 9.4 and 9.5 per cent, after the sharp gains yesterday.

The December long bond future closed broadly steady in London, having been strongly higher at one stage. Gilts ended with small gains of around a quarter of a point.

The dollar gave up some of its gains of the previous day, with many market operators taking the view that the Group of Seven countries have agreed to a lowering of the dollar's target range against other currencies.

It closed at DM1.8092 in London, below its levels in New York on Tuesday evening. The dollar also slipped to Y143.70, and the pound gained 10 points to $1.6555.

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Economics winner: Prof Robert Solow of Massachusetts

New guidelines on pre-emption from Exchange

By Carol Ferguson

Compromise guidelines published by the Stock Exchange yesterday will prevent any listed company from issuing more than 5 per cent of its shares in any one year without offering them to their own shareholders first.

The new guidelines were produced in response to growing concern among institutional shareholders that their pre-emptive rights were being threatened by the internationalization of markets which has greatly broadened the sources of finance available to British companies.

A number of non pre-emptive issues earlier this year attracted considerable criticism, not only because some of them were substantial in relation to the size of the companies involved, but the institutions were also concerned at the size of the discount at which the shares were issued compared with the market price, and the costs of the issues.

As a result, last April, an annual limit of 2.5 per cent was recommended by the Investor Protection Committees (IPCs) of the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds. But the directors of some companies considered that the original guidelines published by the IPCs were too restrictive, and prevented them from making issues which they believe to be in the interest of their companies.

However, this concept is preserved in a new 7.5 per cent limit imposed on a rolling three-year basis.

The new guidelines also put a limit of 5 per cent on the amount of any discount to the market price at which equity can be issued if it is not offered pre-emptively to shareholders. The discount includes fees to underwriters and sponsors, as well as the difference between the price at which the shares are being issued and the market price.

Mr John McLachlan, the investment manager of the Reed International pension fund, and a member of the pre-emption group, said last night that he hoped that the new arrangements would stop people devising schemes to get round pre-emption rights and give everyone sufficient scope to work within the rules. "This is a comprehensive victory for common sense," he said.

The pre-emption group consisted of representatives from industry and the investing institutions, and the guidelines are designed to provide companies with "some flexibility in their capital raising, but at the same time to protect the pre-emptive rights of shareholders."

Wall St confidence returns

From Charles Bremner, New York

Prices soared in a broad surge on Wall Street as confidence returned to the battered stock market and large institutional investors returned to buy.

In heavy trading, the Dow Jones industrial average shot up as much as 200 points above Tuesday's close to 2,041 before falling back to 2,010 at lunch time.

Traders said the advance was far firmer than Tuesday's neurotic roller-coaster which saw the index soar, plunge, then soar again to finish with a 102-point gain. Monday's collapse brought the indicator down a colossal 508 points as stocks lost between 20 per cent and 30 per cent of their value.

Wednesday saw big corporations continue an effort to buy back their own stock. The practice, fully legal in the US, enables a company to display confidence in its worth and ward off possible raiders with a larger stake in its own holding.

Corporations busy on this front included USX, the steel group, Merrill Lynch, Allegis, MCA, Citicorp, Litton Industries, Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, and McGraw Hill.

Buyers were attracted by lower prices and by a slackening in fears of imminent interest rate rises.

"All our models indicate there is value in stocks," said Mr Larry Greenwald, co-manager of equity trading at Sanford C Bernstein and Co, "but psychology will dominate the near-term picture."

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Nobel attempt at instant punditry

By Our Economics Correspondent

When a learned professor of economics is belatedly awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics, the last thing he expects is to become an instant stock market pundit.

But that is just what happened to Professor Robert M Solow, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, named yesterday as winner of the $340,000 (£205,000) 1987 Nobel Prize for Economics.

Professor Solow, 63, the 15th American winner in the 18-year history of the Nobel Economics prize, confessed he was not a stock market expert, but at a news conference at the MIT, he displayed a gift for instant punditry.

"The combination of the balance-of-payments deficit and the federal budget deficit, which has put our country in the position of financing a consumption boom by borrowing from foreigners, means we're going to be a number of years digging ourselves out of a hole that we dug for ourselves over the last six or seven years," he said.

"I don't think there's any catastrophe about to happen. But I think that Americans have to realize that the kind of economic policy that we are conducting means that over an eight or 10-year period, we're not going to have the history of 'every day in every way we're getting better and better' that we've had in the past," he added.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, in its citation, said the award recognized Professor Solow's "exceptional contributions to the study of the factors which permit production growth and increased welfare."

Professor Solow's main contribution was formulated in the 1950s, the so-called neoclassical growth model. The basis of this was that Keynesian analysis and, in particular, fiscal action to reduce unemployment, was good for the short term.

But in the longer term, economic growth would be determined by the available factors of production and, in particular, capital. The other key element in Solow's growth theories was the role of technical progress.

MMC approves match purchase

By Colin Narbrough

The acquisition by Swedish Match, the world's leading maker of matches, of its closest rival, Wilkinson Sword, yesterday received government blessing, despite the increased concentration the tie-up brings to an already highly concentrated market.

Approval followed automatically a unanimous finding by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the Swedish conglomerate's £99 million acquisition from the troubled US manufacturing group Allegheny International would not operate against the public interest.

The MMC report, completed within the new three-month norm sought by the Department of Trade and Industry, focused on the impact of the merger on the British market for matches and cigarette lighters. The link-up will give Swedish Match 85 per cent of the British market and about a quarter of world sales.

Wilkinson Sword's assets include the Liverpool-based Bryant & May, one of the top British match brands. Swedish Match, which originally entered the British market in the late 1920s in the days of the Swedish "match king" Ivar Kreuger, distributes matches under the Masters name.

The report acknowledged that the merged company would be a dominant supplier of matches in Britain, but regarded circumstances as exceptional, as the market was in decline.

The combined might of Bryant & May and Masters was in this situation unlikely to raise match prices "unreasonably", or materially reduce the number of brands.

The merger would provide a greater degree of job security at Bryant & May's Liverpool factory and secure the continuation of match production in Britain for longer than was otherwise likely, the MMC concluded.

The merger also offered some benefits, the report noted. These included a proposal to transfer some match production from Sweden to Liverpool operation.

CBI hits at 'computer panic'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Industry leaders yesterday launched an attack on the "computer-induced" panic that, they say, led to the stock market crash and had "nothing to do with the realities of life."

Wall Street speculation and destabilizing computer programmes not designed to cope with panic conditions should not be allowed to undermine the progress Britain had made since the recession of 1980-81.

Mr John Banham, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said the falls in share prices did not reflect the underlying realities of the British economy.

The employers' organization said after the monthly meeting of the policy-making CBI council that "now is the time to take the longer-term view." Mr Banham later poured scorn on the "yuppie panic" and backed the more reasoned view of industrialists.

"We are talking about people who are in day-to-day touch with the real world instead of staring at computer screens all the time." But, he added, the crash was a timely reminder that business was about taking risks.

Next week's quarterly trends survey from the CBI, to be published six days before the organization's annual conference in Glasgow, will show that business optimism continues to be on a rising trend and that export prospects remain buoyant.

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Hawker in search for purchases

By Colin Campbell

Hawker Siddeley Group, which has spent £60 million this year on acquisitions to bring its total takeover spend in the past two years to £225 million, is on the lookout for further deals abroad and in Britain, Mr Robert Bensly, chief executive, said yesterday.

The group yesterday announced flat interim results, in line with City expectations. Pretax profits to end-June were £73.1 million, compared with £72.1 million previously. Turnover was up from £769 million to £835 million.

The group is confident of a better second half. The interim dividend increases from 5p to 5.5p. The share price rose from 440p to 490p, before closing at 461p yesterday.

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Cash for societies hits 11-month low

By Amanda Pardoe

Building societies' net receipts plummeted last month, the Building Societies Association announced yesterday.

Retail net receipts — at just £197 million during September — were at their lowest level since last November and the British Gas flotation.

Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the BSA, said the societies had been expecting the decline because of the second call on TSB and Rolls-Royce shareholders. Unit trust launches during the month were also thought to have led to an increase in withdrawals from building societies.

As a result, the societies had to borrow wholesale funds to meet mortgage demand. More than £500 million — the highest this year — was raised from non-retail sources, such as negotiable bonds, certificates of deposit and Euronbonds.

The societies lent £3,128 million on mortgages during September and promised a further £3,271 million. They were committed to lending £8,363 million, the highest level this year, by the end of the month.

The BSA expects inflows to suffer again this month because of the BP share offer. It is, however, difficult to predict the effect in view of the uncertainties in the stock market and the fall in the price of BP shares.

The Leeds Permanent Building Society is more optimistic. It said yesterday that its branch staff were bracing themselves for increased demand on its Liquid Gold account.

Charlotte points to bargains

By Our City Staff

First Charlotte Assets Trust, which specializes in Unlisted Securities Market companies, says distress selling after the market shakeout could create attractive opportunities.

First Charlotte, says the interim report to end-September, is not under pressure to sell good investments because, unlike a unit trust, it does not face the problem of redemptions by unitholders.

The company's net asset value at September 30 was 22.3p a share, compared with 13p a year earlier. Its share price rose 0.5p to 19.5p. Underwriting income fell and expenses rose, despite a rise in franked and unfranked investment income, to leave interim pretax profit for the half-year was £31,000, compared with £76,000 previously.

Oil workers must decide tomorrow whether to buy

BP staff face share sale puzzle

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

BP's oil field workers and staff at the company's refinery and oil terminals have been told that if they want to buy shares in their company in the Government's sell-off of its 31.5 per cent holding they will have to make a decision by tomorrow afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Government's financial advisers are suggesting potential investors should wait until the last possible moment before next Wednesday's 10am deadline for applications before making up their minds whether to apply for shares at the 330p offer price.

The market price is still below 300p, although it has staged a recovery from the depths to which it plunged on Monday, and the Government has abandoned part of its advertising campaign that urged potential investors to make up their minds early about applying for the shares.

However, although small investors will have until the close of business on Tuesday to hand in applications to any branch of the National Westminster Bank, the Bank of Scotland or the Ulster Bank, or until 10am to hand in applications at any of the regional share centres, BP's own staff are being told that they will have to make an earlier decision.

Each of BP's 23,000 staff at 80 locations are eligible to apply for a guaranteed allotment of 1,000 shares on employee priority forms. However, these forms have to be collated into one group and verified before being submitted by the BP head office personnel staff.

This means workers on offshore production platforms such as Forties and Magnus in the far north of the North Sea, at the Grangemouth refinery, the Sullom Voe oil terminal on Shetland, and in other outlying areas such as the BP onshore oil fields in Dorset and Lincolnshire, have been advised their forms will have to be with local personnel staff by 4.30pm tomorrow. Other staff on temporary secondment overseas have also been told their applications must be completed in time to be returned to Britannic House for submission.

It is understood that plans to recruit extra staff to count share applications during the second half of next week at the various regional share offices have been curtailed.

The offices handling the applications for the banks and brokers involved already have a pool of experienced staff they can call on to help. But because originally more than 4.5 million individual applications had been expected, it had been planned to place advertisements in the regional press this weekend to recruit staff experienced in election counting to help.

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STOCK MARKET

Conditions fragile despite surge

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

The London stock market showed signs of regaining some of its composure yesterday following this week's traumas, helped by a record one-day rise on Wall Street and a strong rally in Tokyo.

Prices raced ahead from the outset with dealers reporting good two-way trade as most investors took the view that the worst was over. Dealers had been at their desks shortly after dawn bringing prices upto date on their computer systems – many of which have failed to keep pace with the violent swings in trading over the past few days.

By mid-morning, the FT-SE 100 index was up 173.5 and threatening to surge back through the 2,000-level when one of the Stock Exchange computers blew a fuse. This meant that no one was able to work out the minute-by-minute movementsof the index. When normalcy returned a couple of hours later, equities had lost some of their initial sparkle, almost halving earlier gains.

But prices recovered with the FT-SE 100 index finishing 142.2 higher at 1,943.8. The narrower FT 30 share index also closed below its best levels with a rise of 88.1 at 1,527.3.

But dealers appeared far from happy about the day's events and warned that conditions remained "fragile." Many still expressed fears about the state of the American economy and said the US government would have to take further positive action before confidence returned to former levels.

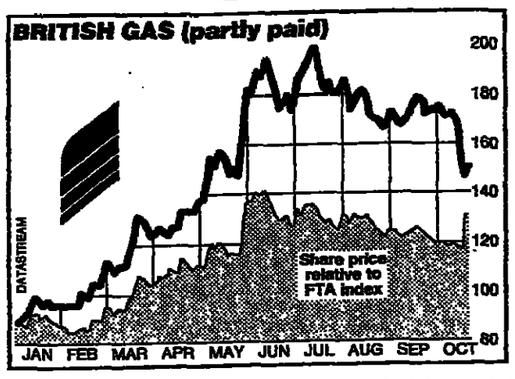
One leading broker in London said: "We have got to be far more cautious than we were. Everyone expected Wall Street to lead this market lower, eventually. But most of us thought it would be next year some time."

Gilts continued to shrug off Tuesday's gloomy money supply figures, showing another surge in bank lending during September. Rises at the longer end stretched to more than £½.

London still has its own problems with the BP sale looming which could provide a knock-on effect on the rest of the market. Cash levels are not that high and fund managers could be forced to liquidate some of their positions to take up underwriting committments.

Despite the positive stance of the Government, the final outcome of the £7.5 billion BP offer for sale remains in doubt. The price did manage to rally 13p to 297p as 35 million shares were traded but the chances of the issue becoming the runaway success previously forecast are growing slimmer. The shares are still trading 33p below the 330p price at which they are being offered to the public.

This is bad news for the underwriters who have agreed to guarantee the issue. It seems increasingly likely that most small investors will choose to give the issue a wide berth. That will result in the underwriters having to absorb millions of shares.



Wheway, the Birmingham engineer and forge master, showed signs of recovery yesterday, closing 6p higher at 48.5p helped by nosey buying. Williams Holdings, the conglomerate, is said to be keen to expand its engineering interests and is lining up a bid of 75p a share.

Yesterday's rally provided some much needed relief for small investors who have seen their portfolios of privatized companies steadily whittling away over the past few days.

Leading the way higher were shares of **British Gas** partly-paid, up 12p at 150p, as more than 34 million shares changed hands. This will no doubt come as welcome news to Wood Mackenzie, the broker, which was last week again informing clients about the group's "wonderful earnings and dividend growth" and recommending the shares as a buy.

Wood Mackenzie sees the growth in gas demand rising by 3 per cent over the next five years which should help to boost earnings growth by 15 per cent to 20 per cent over the remainder of the decade.

The broker is forecasting a rise in net income from £684 million to £810 million for the year to March 31, with the prospective p/e of about 11. For 1989 the final figure is expected to be about £950 million. Wood Mackenzie says the current rating does not reflect the group's potential.

Other privatization stocks to go better included **British Telecom**, up 20p to 237p on turnover of 20 million shares; **British Aerospace**, up 20p to 465p (2.7 million shares); **Jaguar** up 44p to 449p; **Cable & Wireless**, up 26p to 426p; **British Airways**, up 16p to 176p, after 185p; **BAA** partly-paid, up 7p to 125p; **Associated British Ports**, up 13p to 563p; and **Rolls-Royce**, up 14p to 167p.

PE Kemp Holdings, the theatrical design group, made a successful debut on the Third Market. Placed at 60p by its sponsor, Dennis Murphy, Campbell, the shares closed at 73p, for an opening premium of 13p.

Ashtead, the USM-listed plant and tool hire group, rebounded 130p to 505p in a restricted market. Dealers are hopeful the group will enjoy strong demand for Ashtead's hire machinery in the wake of last Friday's hurricane winds with people desperate to repair storm damage.

Ashtead came to the USM at 122p last November and recently touched a peak of 570pafter excellent full-year figures which showed pretax profits up by 91 per cent to £1.02 million and well ahead of the forecast of £910,000 made at the time of its debut.

Shares of **Toye**, the civil and military regalia manufacturer, soared 30p to 245p on the news that **Mars Security, Slough**, holds a 5.4 per cent stake. This led to speculation that the stake build-up could be the prelude to a full bid.

Hammerson Property Investment, one of Britain's biggest developers, attracted revived speculative support and closed 30p higher at 595p ahead of today's results.

● Sir Raplh Halpern's Burton Group rebounded sharply yesterday, closing 35p up at 245p. County NatWest, the broker, reckons the shares have been oversold. Earnings growth of 17 per cent can be maintained and the shares are a buy when the equilibrium is restored.

The shares have been subjected to persistent takeover talk in the past few months amid speculation that either Mr John Ritblat's **British Land**, **Mountleigh** or **P&O** had built up a 5 per cent stake in the company. There were also suggestions that **Standard Life Assurance** was on the verge of selling its 22 per cent stake in the company for £9 a share.

The speculation reached a peak last month prompting Mr Sydney Mason and the Hammerson board to pour cold water on the rumours. Mr Mason said that the group had received no bid approaches.

But dealers remain convinced that the property sector will see a "mega-bid" soon. British Land is still the market's favourite to launch a £9-a-share offer which will value the entire company at about £1.45 billion.

Just Rubber, the USM-listed Cwmbran manufacturer of rubber-covered rollers for industrial use, led by Mr Kevin Burke, the chairman, provided one of the day's best recoveries, rising by 100p to 160p.

Word is that everything is going well for the company and a machine installed earlier in the year which makes very large rollers has boosted its profit potential.

Shares of **Martin Ford**, the USM-listed property developer with modest retail interests, rallied 33p to 170p.

Composite insurances regained some composure after retreating sharply on fears that last Friday's hurricane winds will cost them more than £500 million in household claims.

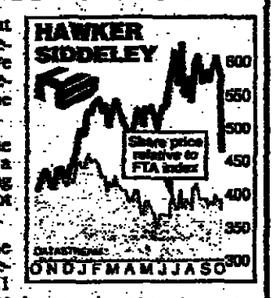
Sun Alliance, which had fallen 332p since the storms because it has the largest exposure to the British household market, recovered 35p to 900p, after 920p. **General Accident** picked up 35p at 890p and **Commercial Union** closed 28p to the good at 408p.

Life companies enjoyed a similar performance. **Abbey Life** stood out

TEMPUS

Fast recovery for Hawker

Predators thinking about moving in on Hawker Siddeley Group should move quickly before everybody realizes that recovery after the 1986 setback is under way.



The share price, in line with so many others, took a sharp knock at the beginning of the week and still has not made up all the lost ground.

Interim results to end-June are hardly exciting, with pretax profits only up from £72.1 million to £73.1 million, but then the comparison is made with a strong first half last year.

And while some progress will be made in the second half, year-end results may not be that much higher than the 1986 peak of £160.3 million. A likely 1987 outcome could be about £163 million.

Margins, however, should improve once the recent spate of small add-on acquisitions is digested and brighter business trends show through.

Profits should also improve faster as Hawker Siddeley further tidies up its house with the odd disposal. The year to look forward to, then, is 1988 when profits of £180 million are possible.

The trading profit contributions from the three electrical divisions are up 16 per cent, justifying the earlier heavy investment programme, although divisional interim results are mixed.

Diesel engineering operations, down from £4.5 million to £3.7 million, continue to suffer from a poor 1986, although Hawker Siddeley is hoping for a stronger order flow from British Rail and various overseas markets.

Interest earned on the handsome cash pile brought in £7.7 million in the last financial year. But the trimming in this area has already seen the interest contribution ease from £4.8 million to £1.9 million at the interim stage. Only a modest contribution can be expected at the year-end.

The group is still mindful of acquisitions and, on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 9.7, the shares look worth buying – before somebody else does.

Berisford attacks

Undeterred by a share price which was yesterday 13p below the 400p cash offer from Associated British Foods, S&W Berisford will next week go on the attack by bringing out a hard-hitting defence document designed to show it is worth far more than ABF seems to want to pay.

The twin prongs of its defence will be to emphasize the strength, depth and youth of its management team and to point out how sugar, commodity trading, financial services and property businesses fit together in a logical way.

In the last couple of years, Berisford has put in new management at British Sugar, considerably boosted its finance team and acquired Mr Henry Lewis from Marks and Spencer as deputy chairman.

Stung by accusations in ABF's offer document that the board was essentially unchanged for the past five years, Berisford points out that of 10 main board directors, excluding the newly arrived Pritzker brothers, six have joined since 1985.

The defence document will also develop the case for putting together businesses with predictable and unpredictable earnings – notably the notoriously volatile commodity trading division, which now accounts for only 15 per cent of profits. There are also synergies – British Sugar sells its "C" quota sugar through JH Rayner, the commodity merchant.

Jitters on the stock market appear to be strengthening ABF's hand, but they could also serve Berisford's cause. In roller-coaster conditions, investors may prefer to sit tight rather than take any action at all. Only three weeks ago, the stock market was indicating that ABF would have to raise its bid by at least 30p a share. With Berisford's shares at 387p, ABF may be reluctant. Strangely there was no sign yesterday of ABF buying in the market.

WALL STREET

Blue chips lead Dow advance on wide front

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street share prices gained further on a wide front with fewer than 100 issues showing losses in early trading yesterday.

Blue chips rallied, backing up their partial rebound on Tuesday from Monday's collapse. Brokers said buying was encouraged by recoveries overnight in London and Tokyo.

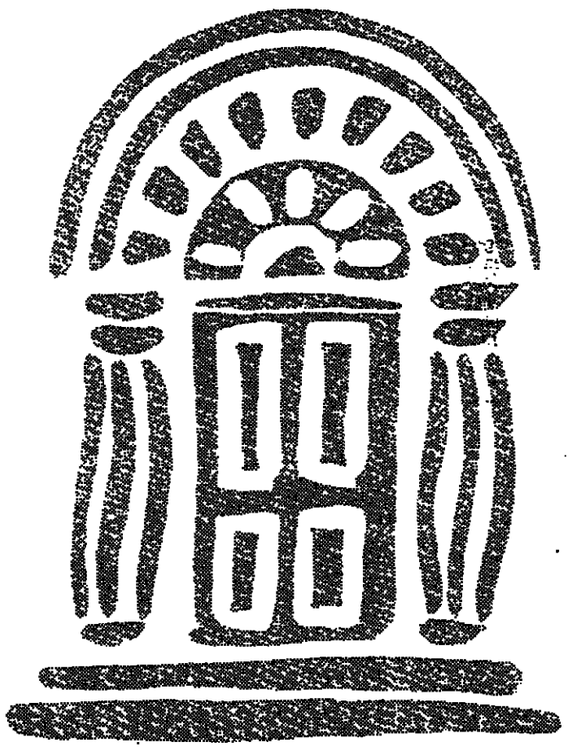
The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 issues rose 159.98 to 2,000.99 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 42.15 to 782.40 and the utilities average up 11.68 to 181.78.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 10.27 to 143.31.

Trading was active and advancing issues outnumberd declining shares by a margin of about 12-to-1.

Although the gain was broad, blue chips dominated the most-active list with General Electric rising to 49¾, up 4-3/8; American Express to 28, up 3¾; Ford to 78, up 6; USX Corporation to 28½, up 3½; and Coca-Cola to 40¼, up 3-3/4.

	Oct 20	Oct 19		Oct 20	Oct 19		Oct 20	Oct 19
AMR Cp	35¾	39	Firestone	26¾	27¾	Pepsico	30¾	27½
ASA	55⅝	64¼	Fst Chicago	21	20	Pfizer	51⅞	48¼
Aetna Life	48⅜	50	Fst Int Bncp	41¾	42¾	Phelps Dod	29⅛	35
Allied Signal	36	28	Fst Penn C	8⅝	9	Philip Mor	87	87½
Allis Chim	1⅞	2	FT Wachva	33¾	33¼	Philip Pet	12½	11⅛
Alcoa	37	42½	Ford Motor	73	69	Polaroid	20½	19⅛
Amax Inc	15⅜	17½	GAF Cp	35	35	Primerica	30	34¼
AMR Hess	24¾	23¼	GTE Cp	35¾	30	Procr Gble	74½	61
Am Brands	43	43¾	Gen Cp	77	82⅝	Pub S E G	21⅜	20¼
Am Cynmd	34	32¼	Gn Dynam	51⅞	54	Raythson	67⅜	66
Am Ele Pwr	28	24¾	Gen Electric	45⅝	41⅛	Rynlds Metl	37	38
Amexs	24¾	21⅝	Gen Inst	25⅞	29¼	Rockwell Int	18⅛	14⅜
Am Home	66½	65¼	Gen Mills	46¼	44¾	Royal Dutch	101	95
Am Int Grp	63⅛	64⅛	Gen Motors	58¾	50	SFE Sopac	48¼	41⅛
Am Stand	36¼	35⅞	Gen Pub Ut	24	24¾	Sara Lee	33	27
Am Telph	26¾	24	Genesco	2⅞	4⅛	Schlumb	34½	30¾
Amoco Cp	64½	60	Georgia Pac	28⅝	28	Scott Pap	60	61
Armco Steel	9	9⅝	Gillette	25	24	Seagram	55¾	56¾
Asarco Inc	19⅜	22⅛	Goodrich	34½	37⅜	Sears Roeb	33¾	30¾
Ashland Oil	50⅜	57¼	Goodyear	41⅞	42	Shell Trans	72	72
Atl Richfld	73¼	65	Gould Inc	13¾	15⅜	Singer	32¾	34¼
Avon Prod	23	19¼	Grace Co	44	43¾	Smith Beck	44⅜	40
Bk Boston	23	20¼	Grt Atl Pac	31	29⅛	Sony Cp	29⅜	28¼
Bank NY	30⅜	31⅜	Greyhnd	23⅜	24⅜	Stn Cal Edi	29⅜	28
Bardamer	8⅜	7⅜	Grumen	19⅜	20¾	SW Bell	30⅝	30
Bkrs Tst NY	32	30¾	Gulf & West	61⅜	63⅜	Squibb	69¾	70⅝
Baxter	20⅝	18⅛	Heinz	35⅝	35⅞	Stan Drug	40⅜	35⅞
Beth Steel	13	11	Hercules	47	46	Stevens JP	25	26¼
Boeing	39⅜	38⅛	Hewlett Pk	48	47⅜	Sun Comp	40⅜	38
Boise Casc	56⅛	56⅛	Honeywell	60⅜	58⅜	TRW Inc	39¾	42½
Borden	38¼	32⅜	IC Ind	28⅜	27	Teledyne	270	292½
Bristl Meyr	36⅝	32	ITT Cp	48¾	46½	Tenneco	41⅜	43⅜
BP	57½	60⅛	INCO	15¾	17⅜	Texaco	30½	30⅜
Brunswick	17⅜	14¾	Ing Rand Wi	25⅞	26¾	Tex Eastn	23⅛	26⅛
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	23⅛	24	Texas Inst	44½	48
Burl Nth	51¼	52	IBM	115	103¾	Tex Util	27½	26¼
CBS	155	152½	Int Paper	32	34¼	Textron	24¾	19½
CMS Engy	12⅜	11	Irving Bk	44	46⅜	Travelers	37½	36⅛
CPC Int	34½	32¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	69⅝	64⅜	USG	27⅝	31½
CSX Cp	29	28⅛	K Mart	26⅝	25	USX Cp	25	21
Campbell Sp	50⅜	54⅝	Kaisertech	14⅛	17	Unilever Plc	32½	29¾
Can Pacific	16	16⅛	Kerr McGee	33⅜	35	Un Carbide	20⅜	22⅜
Caterpillar	46¾	50⅜	Kimbrly Clrk	43	40¾	Un Pac Cp	51⅜	50½
Centrl SW	29	27⅜	Kraft	47	45	Unisys Cp	32¾	30¾
Champion	29⅝	29¼	Kroger	25	24	Utd Brands	32	33¼
Chase Man	30	28	LTV Cp	3	2¾	Utd Tech	40	39
Chem NY	28⅝	25⅞	Litton	75¾	64	Unocal	25¾	28¾
Chevron	43⅞	41⅛	Lockheed	39¾	35	Walter Jim	57⅝	58¾
Chrysler	27	27¼	Lucky Str	22¾	22⅝	Warn Lamb	57	56⅛
Citicorp	44	37	Man H'mer	30⅜	27	Wells Far	43	41½
Clark Eq	22⅜	21	Manville	2¾	2¾	Westg El	47⅜	40
Coca Cola	36½	30	Mapco	45	49¾	Weyerhsr	36⅝	34
Colgate	35⅞	35½	Marine Mid	76⅜	78	Whirlpool	24¼	25
Columb Gas	38	37	Mt Marietta	40	37½	Woolworth	34¾	36¼
Cmb'tn Eng	31½	30¾	Masco	23¾	23	Xerox Cp	55	58
Cmwlth Ed	27⅞	26¾	Mcdonalds	39½	35⅝	Zenith	14⅛	16½
Cons Edis	40⅜	37½	McDonnell	57½	56⅝			
Consol Ng	30¾	29¾	Mead Cp	29¾	29¾			
Cont Data	24	25¼	Merck	147	151			
Corning Gl	42⅜	42	Minsta Mng	55¾	51	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Cmp	22¾	24½	Mobil	39	38			
Curtiss Wrt	49	52⅜	Monsanto	68¾	68	Agnco Eag	30	33½
Data Genl	21	20	Morgan Jp	34¾	27⅞	Alcan Alum	31½	40¾
Deere Co	31	33	Motorola	50	52⅝	Algoma Sti	16½	17¾
Delta Air	39½	41	NCR	61⅜	60¾	Can Pacific	20¾	22
Detroit Edi	13⅜	12⅝	NL Indstrs	6⅜	6⅝	Comlnco	15	17¾
Digital Eq	133	130	Nat Distil	58½	60¾	Con Bathrst	15¾	17¾
Disney	50¾	46	Nat Mid Ent	20½	20¾	Hawk S Can	17	23
Dow Chem	71	71	Nat Semi	12⅝	12¾	Hurd Bay M	18½	22¾
Dressr Ind	20¾	23¾	Norfolk Sth	25	24	Imasco	24	28
Dupont	80	80	NW Bancrp	34¾	38⅛	Imperial Oil	57	66
Duke Pwr	44¾	40½	Ocdol Pet	25⅝	23¾	Int Pipe	38½	45½
East Kodak	49	63⅜	Ogden Cp	22½	23¾	Royl Trstco	13¾	13¾
Eaton Cp	66⅝	62	Olin Cp	39¾	43¾	Seagram	73	76
Emerson El	29¾	28⅛	PPG Ind	30⅜	32	Shelco 'A'	22	23
Emery Air	5¾	6½	Pac Gas El	18	15¾	Thmsn N 'A'	24	24¾
Exxon	40½	35	Pan Am	3¾	3¾	Varity Cp	3	3¼
Fersh Inc	9¾	12	Penney JC	44	38¾	WCT	13¾	15¾
Fedders	5¾	6	Penzoil	49¾	51	Weston	30	32½



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WORLD STOCK MARKETS ROUNDUP: TOKYO

Japan bounces back

From Darryl Gibson, Tokyo

The Tokyo Stock Market bulls threw out the bears of "Black Tuesday" yesterday and drove the 225-share Nikkei Average, which went into free-fall the day before, back up by a record 2,037.32 points.

The gain, a 9.3 per cent increase in the key market indicator, was still overshadowed by the 14.9 per cent plummet on Tuesday but the overnight change was remarkable nonetheless.

Late on Tuesday, Japanese business and government leaders had called for a return to sanity from the panic selling earlier in the day. The herd instinct, however, was still much in force yesterday — the difference yesterday was that the instinct called to "buy, buy, buy" and dealers sent the share volume from fewer than 500 million shares on Tuesday to an estimated 1,100 million shares yesterday.



Bulls back: smiles on the Tokyo floor

The electronic boards in brokers' offices across the country listing share prices — uniformly negative on Tuesday — turned uniformly positive yesterday.

Market sources are still hesitant about saying that panic selling has been chased from the market in Tokyo, although most sources are predicting a measured increase over the next few days.

The head of one leading Japanese securities firm, speaking at midday after the Nikkei was already back up by more than 1,000 points, said: "The Japanese economy is improving, the yen-dollar rate is reasonable and prospects of higher interest rates fading, so we should see a recovery in share prices."

By yesterday's close, the indicator stood at 23,947.40 points, still below the 26,000-point level reached last week but well above the 21,000-point trough hit after Tuesday's panic.

A trader, speaking at the Tokyo close, concluded: "I can hardly call things calm, but they are easier on the nerves today. It looks a lot better than yesterday, that is for sure."

Bond and foreign exchange markets in Tokyo held firm yesterday and many analysts said the strength there helped propel the buying spree throughout the trading day.

SYDNEY

Overseas trends take control

From Richard Battley Sydney

Bargain hunters were out early in Australia yesterday but although the market opened promisingly, it ended the day barely ahead.

At mid-session, the key indicator, the All-Ordinaries index, was 44.5 points higher than Tuesday's disastrous close of 1552.6 points. Widespread selling by overseas investors dominated in the afternoon, and the turnaround was reduced to a gain of a mere 18.2 points.

Falls outnumbered rises 591 to 165. Trading was heavy, 205.6 million shares valued at Aus$513.8 million (£222.5 million).

"There was a lot of selling, a lot of buying and very little direction or confidence," one broker said. "Our market is totally mesmerized with Wall Street. Nothing else matters."

Analysts here believe it will take at least a week before a clear post-crash trend emerges."We have lost control of our own market," a leading dealer said. "Its future lies totally with overseas trends, and I have no confidence in them."

The gold index plummeted 210 points or eight per cent to 2420.9 points despite yesterday's US$4.30 recovery by gold in Hong Kong, to US$467.50 an ounce.

Resources stocks also bore the brunt of weaker base metal prices, falling 33.3 points or 3.4 per cent to 926.2 points. Industrials attempted to weld the market; its sector's index rose 84.5 points or 3.6 per cent to 2401.9 points.

The December share price futures index also rallied from Tuesday's record 676.4. The index jumped 150 points before the physical market opened. It hit a high of 1500, retreating to 1337 before closing at 1460.

Gold stocks which fell yesterday included Renison, offAus$1.50 to $Aus 9.50, Giant Resources 90 cents lower at Aus$1.90, Kidston 40 cents down to Aus$5.80 and Poseidon, 50 cents lower.

HONG KONG

Unofficial market beat suspension

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Wily Hong Kong investors have managed to find a way around the closure of the stock market.

On Tuesday, the chairman of the Stock Exchange, Mr Ronald Li, announced that the exchange would stop trading for the rest of the week after a crash which wiped HK$65 billion (£5.2 billion) off the value of the Crown Colony's shares.

Most unit trusts which are invested in the Hong Kong market have also suspended trading as it has been impossible to place a value on their investments.

But yesterday local brokers were still wheeling and dealing in shares, using their own "grey" unofficial prices.

Stockbrokers are reluctant to talk openly about the grey market but most said that prices of blue chip companies such as the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and Mr Li Ka-shing's Hutchison Whampoa were now about 25 per cent below their levels on Monday, when the Hang Seng index fell 420 points, its biggest ever fall, equal to 11 per cent of the value of the market.

Mr Li and his fellow brokers wanted the suspension to provide a breathing space and to give stockbroking firms time to catch up with the backlog of paper work that has built up with turnover exceeding HK$4 billion a day.

But yesterday investors were still managing to buy and sell using the unofficial prices.

"There are a lot of people out there who want to sell. You can't blame them," said one stockbroker.

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange Committee will this evening discuss whether to resume trading tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the man widely regarded as the saviour of the Crown Colony's banking system, Mr Robert Fell, a former banking commissioner, is expected to return to Hong Kong soon to look at ways of improving the system for settling share transactions.

Two go in new Harris upset

By Michael Tate

Two more directors of Harris Queensway, Mr Peter Davis, the deputy chairman, and Mr Tony Behar, a fellow executive director, have left the board of the troubled carpets and furniture group. Their departures came only hours before the group publishes details today of a sharp downturn in its interim profits.

However, the long search by Sir Phil Harris, the chairman, for a finance director to replace Mr Jim Cook, who resigned in June, is over. The job has gone to Mr Anthony Shanagher, the former chief financial officer of Allegheny International, which is based at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

However, Mr Shanagher's appointment was insufficient to alleviate the pressure on the Harris share price, which, notwithstanding the shakeout of the last few days, has significantly under-performed the stock market in recent months. Yesterday, it recovered 3p to 154p, but it had already fallen from 279p to 171p before Monday's slump.

Yesterday's statement said that Mr Davis, the executive deputy chairman since 1980, "will be resigning from the board and leaving the group." Mr Davis, who is 53 and joined Harris from Price Waterhouse, the accountants, had taken on the chief financial role since the departure of Mr Cook. His salary is believed to be about £80,000.

Mr Behar, the statement added, "has resigned as a director . . . to pursue his private business interests." In both cases, said Harris yesterday, there had been "amicable settlements."

The departures are the latest in a series of boardroom upheavals within the group as its marketing strategy began to misfire badly. Mr Cook left in June, and at the end of July, Mr Peter Carr, the joint chief executive, was asked to go. That was four weeks after Sir Phil split the chief executive role into two with the appointment of Mr Martin Watts as joint chief executive.

In August, Sir Phil shocked the City with a forecast that the Queensway stores would make a loss of up to £5 million in the year to the end of January, and that the group as a whole would see profits plunge by a quarter, to between £32 million and £38 million. At the time, the City had been looking forward to annual profits of close to £60 million after Sir Phil's statement at the annual meeting.

COMMENT

Crash barriers to limit computerized chaos

Crises have a way of revealing the true personality. Last week, the CBI's City-Industry taskforce unanimously acquitted the City of short-termism. Yesterday, the CBI's council condemned the Stock Exchange's "short-term gyrations" as "a computer creation which bears no relation to reality".

This was the first unanimous statement by the 400-member council since the miners' strike, which puts City traders in the same CBI rogues' gallery as Arthur Scargill. "We are talking about people in touch with the real world rather than those staring at computer screens all day," said director-general John Banham, articulating the authentic voice of the CBI more convincingly than the taskforce.

The past three days have proved again that stock markets can knock the rest of the economy for six as well as making it more efficient. Such simple truths are not lost in Hong Kong, where they are not so self-conscious about these things.

The Crown Colony, so often held up as the paragon of the virtues of untramelled free markets, had no compunction in closing its newly-unified stock market for the week after share prices fell an internationally modest 11 per cent.

This was initially received abroad as an uncharacteristic sign of funk. On reflection, it looks more like a gesture of confidence from officials truly convinced that the crash was a passing typhoon.

Closing the exchange would indeed protect investors from such a storm. But if the collapse were here to stay, it would expose them both to the vagaries of the inevitable unofficial market and to chaos when the official market reopened.

It would have been irresponsible for a top international market such as London to take such a risk. But some countervailing action should be considered if, as now seems proven, new trading systems, combined with the spread of automatic dealing programmes, build short-term instability into the share market.

In some commodity markets and Far Eastern stock exchanges, limits are imposed on price movements in any one session. After that, dealings stop or prices stick. It would be easy enough to put a daily limit of, say, 5 per cent on movements in the 100-share index.

Imposing price limits is usually a sign of restricted market liquidity. London's Big Bang was designed to increase liquidity. But the hesitation of dealers lacking a market floor, and their fear of running behind the change in screen prices, can on occasion remove more "liquidity" than extra capital and lower dealing costs have added.

Wall St makes the policy

The US Treasury Secretary, James Baker, may single-handedly have won a famous victory over the problem of the US trade deficit which has been overshadowing the world economy for the past couple of years. Unfortunately, this looks like being at the expense of a notorious defeat for his political master, President Reagan, which could cancel out any advantage to the world economy.

By blundering into a crisis of confidence on Wall Street through his nerve-racking remarks about pulling the plug on currency stability, Mr Baker has produced the sharp reduction in domestic demand in the US that will do much to bring American demand for foreign goods closer in line with its capacity to pay for them. As people see the value of their assets summarily reduced, they are likely to increase their savings to replace some of the lost value (currently totalling about $1,000 billion) and to finance this will reduce their spending. This sequence of events is by now well documented, particularly in the US, where personal holdings of shares are much higher than elsewhere. As consumer demand falls, so will America's appetite for imports.

The resulting slowdown in the economy, however, would be the worst possible news for President Reagan as he enters election year. The effect of a fall in asset prices on spending is quite rapid and, according to Morgan Grenfell economists Steven Bell and Rupert Thompson, could turn the US growth rate negative by the final quarter of the year. The cut in spending is likely to be much more effective in curbing domestic demand than pushing up interest rates. On the other hand, it will move the world's trade accounts closer to balance at a lower level of activity overall than would the preferred American strategy of persuading the countries in balance of payments surplus, Germany and Japan, to expand their demand rather than relying on contraction in the US.

This could produce big problems for US policy-makers before the year is out. If the print-through from lower asset prices to consumer demand is as rapid as previous experience suggests, then within the next three months retail sales figures will be pointing to a sharp contraction. It will take longer, however, for this to be reflected in the trade figures which are, in any case, two months in arrears. Faced with the combination of approaching recession coupled with no apparent improvement in the trade position, the pressure for lower interest rates and a lower dollar will be intense. Maintaining the Louvre accord on exchange rate stability in those circumstances will not be easy.

Bank will still decide who is 'fit and proper' in bids

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

The Bank of England will be able to use the Banking Act 1987, which came into force this month, to block the action of white knights in bank takeover bids.

At the same time, foreign institutions and commercial and industrial companies will not be allowed to buy banks which are considered to be at the core of the financial system.

These are among the warnings that the Bank of England is giving the financial community about its powers under the new Act, elaborating on a speach given by Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor, last week.

The Bank has three months under the Act to decide whether or not a large new shareholder in a bank is "fit and proper."

Since takeover bids may not last longer than 60 days, the Bank can discourage undesirable bidders by delaying its judgement for more than two months. To avoid this obstacle, a bidder will have to build up his stake in the target bank over a longer period of time.



Leigh-Pemberton: warnings

Had such powers existed last year, for example, the Bank could have prevented the last-minute intervention of the "white squires" who defended Standard Chartered Bank from the bid by Lloyds Bank.

While the Bank is not putting a blanket veto on foreign or commercial companies acquiring banks, High street banks and some merchant banks with large securities or capital markets operations will be out of bounds. This includes banks with only one activity which is considered to be "core."

The Bank is taking care not to define too clearly what counts as core so that its discretionary judgement on individual cases is not limited.

It is also warning the financial community that the Act leaves it with as much discretionary judgement as in the past. Deciding whether a shareholder is "fit and proper" will involve making subjective judgements about his probity, experience and competence.

If the shareholder does not accept an adverse judgement, the Bank may use its other powers as a financial supervisor to put pressure on him to disuade the shareholder from going further.

The Bank is clearly worried at criticism that the Banking Act limits its traditional discretionary power over banks and makes its decisions subject to judicial review. It rejects the charge that its discretionary power is limited and insists that its position is now even stronger than before.

Tunnel boosts orders

By Colin Narbrough

The first Channel Tunnel contracts have given a boost to the construction industry, particularly the private industrial sector, according to Department of Environment figures yesterday.

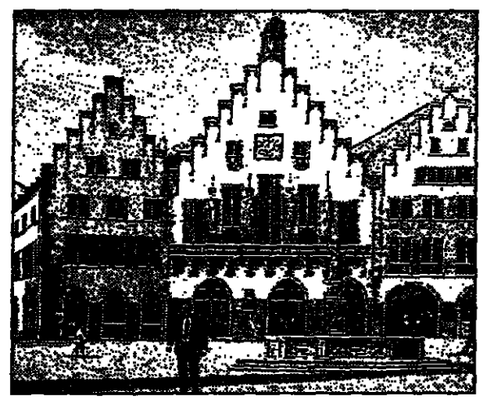
The industry took 34 per cent more orders in the June to August period than in the preceeding three months. New orders were 44 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

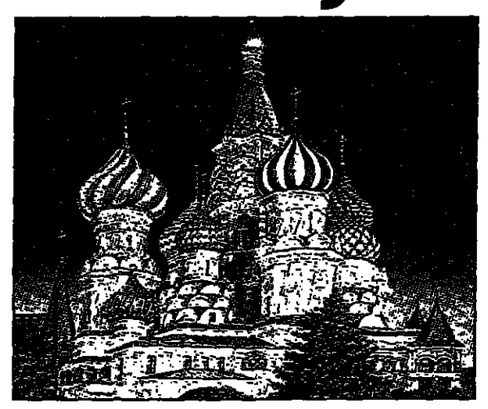
The figures, based on 1980 prices, showed new orders worth £4.4 billion in the June-August period. At current prices, the value was more than £7 billion.The increases would have been 10 and 18 per cent lower respectively without Channel Tunnel business.

The private industrial sector gained 129 per cent over the previous three months and 195 per cent over the same period last year. The private housing sector was 8 per cent higher than the previous three months, but only 2 per cent up on the corresponding period of 1986.

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Velour for a high Roller

Not even someone as well-connected in the motor trade as David Wickins, chairman of Hawley-owned British Car Auctions and former chairman of Group Lotus, is able to screw any discounts out of Rolls-Royce. Discovered visiting old friends at the Press launch of Motorfair 1987 in Earls Court yesterday, the ever youthful Wickins, aged 67, was bemoaning the fact that he had had to pay an extra £600 to have velour upholstery instead of standard leather in his £80,000 long wheelbase Bentley Mulsanne. One of only three such cars made — the others are owned by Hawley chairman Michael Ashcroft and Heron chief Gerald Ronson — Wickins, whilst sipping champagne in the R-R stand, said:"I hate leather, its hot in summer and cold in winter, but they made me pay extra for velour." Wickins, who also has a collection of another dozen or so cars at his Surrey home — he recently sold the original Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car to John Bamford of JCB fame — has also given away a number of collectors' cars to his six children and most are on display at Beaulieu. "They include the last MGB GT to come off the production line and a De Lorean with gold-plated wheels, made for the 1982 Montreal Motor Show." But he does not spend all his money on cars. He was one of the brave few who ventured into the stock market on Monday to buy. "I bought Hawley and Hanson," he says.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

CBI branches out

The CBI, ever ready to display the caring face of capitalism, was quick off the mark yesterday to launch a post-hurricane campaign mysteriously entitled "Plant a Tree for '93", in which companies will be expected to dip into their pockets to replace trees destroyed by the storm. But apart from the fact that 93 rhymes with tree, no one could understand the significance of the six-year time-span. However, Sir David Nickson, the president, said it was a positive way for business to give a lead "so that the skyline of our towns, villages and countryside in 1993 will not be as bleak as it might have been". The CBI is planning to pay something towards the replacement of the plane trees uprooted in Soho Square close to its Centre Point HQ.

● **Despite the camaraderie displayed at the annual ladies' night dinner for the Guild of Motoring Writers, hosted by Mercedes-Benz last night, I hear the motor trade has another, less becoming, name for their club — the Guild of Muttering Rotters.**

Do not touch

NatWest was due to offer its Touch Screen low-cost instant share-dealing service for small Stock Exchange punters to its Ulster Bank subsidiary this week, to extend to investors there a facility now available at 245 branches throughout mainland Britain. The experimental installation of Touch Screens in two central Belfast branches in time for the BP sale was scheduled for 11am on Tuesday. Reporters had been duly summoned. However, late on Monday, with the great share slide under way, Ulster Bank publicists were frantically phoning around, cancelling the do. "The situation in the City didn't seem appropriate," a spokeswoman explained yesterday, saying it would be rescheduled for a time when the market was more buoyant. "Probably next week," she said.

● **Another ray of wit amid the gloom. Yuppies have been rechristened puppies — previously upwardly mobile . . .**



Cool, calm Cassidy

Denis Cassidy, the erstwhile chairman of BHS, has, he tells me, received a shoal of approaches to take up new business ventures, many of them outside high street retailing. "But I won't make a decision until after Christmas," he says. "It's fascinating to look at prospects in entirely new fields." Cassidy, 54, in his capacity as a non-executive director of Boddingtons' Breweries, was spotted among the throng at Brewers Hall, off London Wall, the other evening, enjoying 1979 Margaux and *boeuf Stephanoise* in celebration of the company's centenary as a public company. But he is still not saying too much about why he resigned from Sir Terence Conran's Storehouse. It was partly because he couldn't influence group policy, he says. But he still feels Storehouse is a concept ahead of its time and deserves to do well. Ironically, the Master of the Brewers' Society, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman of Allied-Lyons, was also at the dinner — he once made an unsuccessful bid for Boddingtons'.

● **Talk about initiative . . . One thick-skinned second-hand car salesman was found standing outside the trading floor of the London International Financial Futures Exchange, in the Royal Exchange, offering £5,000 in used notes to anyone who wanted to sell their Porsche. Unfortunately for him — and perhaps the traders too — most of the cars are company-owned.**

Carol Leonard

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Under the Combined Offer being made in the U.K. and overseas 2,194 million Ordinary Shares of 25p each are available for purchase.

Up to 1,369 million of these Ordinary Shares are being made available under the Fixed Price Offer to the general public and existing shareholders at 330p per share of which 120p is payable now, 105p is payable on 30th August, 1988 and 105p is payable on 27th April, 1989.

Not less than 825 million Ordinary Shares are being offered to U.K. institutional and overseas investors at or above 330p per share (payable in instalments on the same dates) under the International Offer.

The existing Ordinary Shares now being offered have been admitted to the Official List by the Council of The Stock Exchange. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the new Ordinary Shares now being offered to be admitted to the Official List. The following information should be read in conjunction with the full prospectus dated 15th October, 1987 relating to the Company, copies of which are available at clearing bank branches and post offices. In applying for shares you will be treated as applying both on the Terms and Conditions set out below and on the basis of the full prospectus, which you are advised to read before returning your application form.

Application and Instalment Arrangements

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be received by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th October, 1987 (or before close of business on Tuesday, 27th October, 1987 if the form is taken by hand to any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank Limited). Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

ALLOCATION OF SHARES

The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced on Friday, 30th October, 1987.

If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance) for the shares allocated to you.

If there is heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all.

If your application is not accepted or is only accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) all money paid on application or a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

DEALINGS

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 30th October, 1987. Letters of acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on Monday, 9th November, 1987. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk.

You will not be liable for stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on your application for shares. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will be liable to pay any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax.

FURTHER INSTALMENTS

You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and final instalments become payable. At the time the reminder is sent for the second instalment (due by 30th August, 1988) you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the letter of acceptance despatched following the Combined Offer. After you have paid your final instalment (due by 27th April, 1989) you will be sent your final share certificate. If you do not pay any instalments for which you are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

Share Bonus Arrangements

INTRODUCTION

If you buy shares in the Offer for Sale and continue to hold them until close of business on 31st October, 1990, you may be eligible to receive from HM Treasury, free of charge, a share bonus of one additional share for every ten such shares. The share bonus is only available if you buy shares in the Offer for Sale and not if they are bought subsequently.

Existing shareholders and members of the BP Group Participating Share Scheme do not qualify for the share bonus in respect of shares applied for on red preferential application forms.

The maximum number of bonus shares you can receive is 150 shares. Where shares are applied for jointly, the maximum number of bonus shares will remain at 150 shares, even if more than one of the joint holders is eligible.

Copies of the full terms of the share bonus arrangements will be obtainable from National Westminster Bank PLC, Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 472, Consort House, The Lombard Centre, East Street, Bristol BS99 1NW until 30th June, 1989 and thereafter from the Company at BP House, Third Avenue, Harlow, Essex CM19 5AG.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the share bonus, you must be an individual applying other than on a red preferential application form. Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are ineligible. In addition, your application must be made by you:

(a) solely for your own benefit, or for that of a child under 18 years of age if you are that child's parent, grandparent or guardian; or

(b) jointly, with up to three other individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you; or

(c) jointly with a nominee (who need not be an individual) solely for your own benefit; or

(d) jointly with a nominee (who need not be an individual) and up to two other individuals solely for the benefit of one or more of you other than the nominee.

DELIVERY OF THE BONUS SHARES

The bonus shares will be transferred to you (or, if you are a joint holder of your shares, to you and the other joint holders) as soon as reasonably practicable after 31st October, 1990 together with all rights attaching to those shares at that date. There will be no right to receive fractions of shares.

Instructions For Return Of The Public Application Form

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR DELIVER IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1987

at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

A to Cg Bank of Scotland, New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AL
or, by hand only, to
38 Threadneedle Street, London EC2.

Ch to F Barclays Bank PLC, New Issues, P.O. Box 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD.

G to J Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Issue Section, P.O. Box 1000, 11 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3LB.

K to M Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA.

N to Sj National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD.

Sk to Z The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 190, 3-11 North St. Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 1HL
or, by hand only, to
New Issues Department, 67 Lombard Street, London EC3.

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OR TAKE THIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1987 to any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland, or Ulster Bank Limited (in Northern Ireland).

Additional receiving centres are open for deliveries by hand until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th October, 1987. These are set out on the back of the application form in the mini prospectus and in the full prospectus.

Terms and Conditions

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (i) the new Ordinary Shares being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 30th November, 1987 and (ii) the Offer for Sale Underwriting Agreement referred to in paragraph 7(a) of Section 10 of the Prospectus dated 15th October, 1987 containing the listing particulars in relation to the new Ordinary Shares ("the Prospectus") having become unconditional and not being terminated prior to such date as HM Treasury may determine, being not later than 30th November, 1987. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept on behalf of HM Treasury in a separate account. Rights are reserved for HM Treasury and its agents to present for payment and otherwise process all cheques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such cheques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Acceptance of an application by an eligible investor will, subject to paragraph 3(c) below, entitle that investor to the share bonus on the terms referred to in Section 11 of the Prospectus.

3. By completing and delivering an application form, you:

(a) offer to purchase from HM Treasury the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus and the Instalment Agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and HM Treasury which will become binding on despatch to or receipt by a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of HM Treasury agreeing that it will not prior to 1st December, 1987 offer any of the Ordinary Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:

(i) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 1st December, 1987; and

(ii) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment and will not bear interest;

(c) (i) warrant, if you write "yes" in Box 4 of a public application form or apply on a blue or green application form, that you are eligible for the share bonus (eligibility is explained under "Share bonus arrangements" in Section 11 of the Prospectus);

(ii) agree that, if you do not write "yes" in Box 4, you will not be entitled to the share bonus even if you might otherwise qualify;

(d) warrant that you are not a U.S. or Canadian person and you are not applying on behalf of any such person;

(e) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer for Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(f) warrant that:

(i) (if this application is made for your own benefit) no other application (other than any application you are entitled to make on a red application form) is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent (other than a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager) or, so far as you are aware, by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager or by any other person; and

(ii) (if the application is made by you as agent for, or for the benefit of, another person) no other application (other than on a red application form) for the benefit of that person is being made by you or, so far as you are aware, by that person or by any other person;

(g) if you sign the application form as agent for someone else, warrant you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof certified by a solicitor, where this is required by the guide to completing the application form;

(h) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of HM Treasury, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(i) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of holders of Interim Rights in respect of such Ordinary Shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced and thereafter to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary Shares the right to which has not been effectively transferred (references to rights being effectively renounced mean the renouncee(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such rights);

(j) agree that all documents in connection with the Offer for Sale (including the share bonus arrangements) and/or any returned moneys will be sent at your risk and may be sent by post to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first person) as set out in the application form or such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of holders of Interim Rights or the register of members of the Company by your name or the name of such person;

(k) (i) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application; (ii) undertake to pay the second and final instalments by, and (in the case of any payment of £10,000 or more) for value not later than, 3.00 p.m. on 30th August, 1988 and 3.00 p.m. on 27th April, 1989 respectively; for each Ordinary Share in respect of which your application is accepted, the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to the relevant time and date; and (iii) agree that failure to make any payment when due will entitle HM Treasury to avoid the contract and re-sell the Ordinary Share to someone else, in which case you will be sent (subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) a refund, without interest, equal to 120p or 225p per Ordinary Share resold (depending on whether the default is in payment of the second or final instalment respectively), whether or not the instalment(s) already paid for it exceed(s) that amount less any loss sustained by HM Treasury determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. No payment of less than £2 will, however, be made to you;

(l) agree that HM Treasury will allocate the new Ordinary Shares entirely in the Offer for Sale (and not in any other part of the Combined Offer) and that each successful applicant in the Offer for Sale will receive new Ordinary Shares and existing Ordinary Shares in the same proportions (or as nearly as may be practicable) as every other such applicant;

(m) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;

(n) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. or the Combined Offer other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer for Sale taken together with the Prospectus (the "prospectuses") and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses shall have any liability for any such information or representation other than as aforesaid;

(o) agree promptly on request to disclose in writing to HM Treasury any information which it may request in connection with your application; and

(p) agree that any letter of acceptance and application moneys in respect of any applicant suspected to be in breach of paragraph 3(f) may be held (without interest) pending investigation.

4. References in the application forms and guides to "shareholders" or "BP shareholders" include references to members of the BP Group Participating Share Scheme. Save as aforesaid and where the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the Prospectus bear the same meaning when used herein or in application forms.

No person receiving this application form in any territory other than the U.K., the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat it as constituting an invitation or offer to him nor should he in any event use it, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the U.K., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction receiving this application form and wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory and to pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him under the Combined Offer.



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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON except for any other application you are entitled to make as a shareholder on a red preferential form or an application made for your benefit but without your knowledge by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager.

If you have received a personalised BLUE form, you should complete that form.

If you are already a shareholder you may also apply on the RED form sent to you.

Otherwise, please use the form below.

(1) Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals).

Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you should put your own name in Box 1, and after your surname write "A/C" followed by the full names of the child and the child's date of birth. This does not stop you from making a single application for your own benefit.

If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.

(2) Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of shares set out below. Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected.

Number of shares you are applying for	Amount you pay now (120p per share)	Your total investment (330p per share)
80	£96	£264
100	£120	£330
200	£240	£660
300	£360	£990
400	£480	£1,320
500	£600	£1,650
600	£720	£1,980
700	£840	£2,310
800	£960	£2,640
900	£1,080	£2,970
1,000	£1,200	£3,300
1,500	£1,800	£4,950
2,000	£2,400	£6,600
2,500	£3,000	£8,250
3,000	£3,600	£9,900
3,500	£4,200	£11,550
4,000	£4,800	£13,200
4,500	£5,400	£14,850
5,000	£6,000	£16,500

Above 5,000 shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications	*Multiples of*
5,000 to 10,000 shares	1,000 shares
10,000 to 50,000 shares	5,000 shares
50,000 to 100,000 shares	10,000 shares
over 100,000 shares	50,000 shares

(3) Using the middle column of the table above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the exact amount you pay now.

Payment is in three instalments. The second instalment of 105p per share is payable by 3.00 p.m. on 30th August, 1988 and the final instalment of 105p per share by 3.00 p.m. on 27th April, 1989. A reminder about the second and final instalments will be sent to your registered address before they become due.

(4) If you wish to receive the share bonus and you are an eligible individual or applying on behalf of an eligible individual, write "Yes" in Box 4.

If you write "No" in the box or do not complete it, you will not receive the share bonus.

If you are in any doubt about whether you are an eligible individual, you should read the details of the share bonus arrangements set out in the full prospectus or mini prospectus (including, if necessary, the arrangements for nominees' applications on behalf of others).

(5) Read the declaration in Box 5, then sign and date the form in Box 5.

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he is duly authorised to do so. An agent must enclose the power of attorney appointing him (or a copy certified by a solicitor), unless he is a Selling Agent, Financial Intermediary or U.K. Clearing Bank (as referred to in Section 10 of the full prospectus) and states the capacity in which he signs.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

WARNING
Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for the benefit of any person except for any other application BP shareholders are entitled to make on red preferential forms.

(6) Pin to Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "BP Share Offer". Please ensure that it is crossed and write on it "Not Negotiable". A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application.

No receipt for your payment will be issued.

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the U.K., the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a U.K. bank sort code number in the top right hand corner.

If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or a bank branch, in which case you should write your full name(s) and address on the back of the cheque.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" in favour of the applicant(s).

(7) JOINT APPLICANTS
You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7.

They should read Note 5 and the declaration in Box 5 before signing this box.

PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

To H M Treasury
N M Rothschild & Sons Limited
National Westminster Bank PLC
The British Petroleum Company p.l.c.

Before completing this form, please read carefully the guide above.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title | Forename(s) (in full) — (1)

Surname

Address

Postcode

I/We offer to purchase _____ Ordinary Shares (2)

in BP on and subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in the Prospectus containing listing particulars dated 15th October, 1987

and I/we attach a cheque or bankers' draft for the amount now payable of £ _____ (3)

I am/We are eligible and wish to receive the share bonus _____ (4)

Please write "Yes" or "No" in the box

I declare that to my knowledge this is the only application made for my benefit (or that of the person(s) for whose benefit I am applying) except for any other application I am entitled to make as a shareholder on a red preferential form. I have read the warning in Note 5. (5)

Date: October, 1987 Signature

← Pin here your cheque/bankers' draft for the exact amount in Box 3, payable to "BP Share Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable". (6)

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1. Form no.
2. Acceptance no.
3. Shares accepted
4. Amount received £
5. Amount payable £
6. Amount returned £
7. Cheque no.
8. Multiple application check

JOINT APPLICANTS

The first applicant should sign Box 5 and complete Box 1. Using BLOCK CAPITALS, insert below the names of the other joint applicants, who must sign in the right hand column.
I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out above. (7)

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title	Forename(s) (in full)	Surname	Signature
2nd joint applicant			
3rd joint applicant			
4th joint applicant			

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Those claiming commission or reallowance of commission should stamp both boxes applicable to them.

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.
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UK and Saudi high-tech deal

Riyadh (Reuter) — Saudi Arabia and Britain have agreed to set up a series of high-technology joint-ventures under a programme linked to Riyadh's £5 billion purchase of Tornado fighter aircraft and training aircraft.

The British Embassy in Riyadh said a memorandum of understanding sealed an agreement in principle and would lead to the transfer of high technology to Saudi Arabia through investment by British companies.

The "offset programme" totalling about £500 million had been the subject of lengthy negotiations between London and Riyadh since the Saudis signed the aviation contract in February 1986.

The Royal Saudi Air Force will receive a total of 72 Tornados — of which about 20 have already been delivered — and another 60 trainers in what is Britain's largest ever arms deal which has been called "al-Yamamah" or "Dove."

The United States set the precedent for offset deals with Saudi Arabia after the Boeing aircraft and defence comapany won a $1.2 billion (£727 million) contract in 1985 for a huge command and communications defence project known as the "Peace Shield."

Under that deal, United States companies are committed to investing in high-technology projects in Saudi Arabia totalling 35 per cent of the contract value or $420 million.

Industry sources said that the British investment under the Tornado agreement was similarly set at 35 per cent of the contract level.

But that percentage was based on the share of the aircraft deal of only British Aerospace and excluded the value due to the other Tornado consortium companies in both West Germany and in Italy.

The British embassy said that the new accord would also cover licensing agreements, technical training and the extension of export sales opportunities for Saudi companies.

Evered buys 14% Henderson stake

By Alison Eadie

Evered Holdings, the industrial products and metal forming group run by the brothers Mr Raschid and Mr Osman Abdullah, has bought a 14.3 per cent stake worth £11.3 million in Henderson Group from Carousel Investments, which is advised by a third brother, Mr Ahmed Abdullah.

Carousel, representing Saudi investors, has been building up its stake for several months and recently increased it to 18 per cent. It is retaining the balance of the shares not sold to Evered. Evered's stake was acquired for 335p per share. Henderson's shares rose 4p to 334p in the market yesterday.

Mr Osman Abdullah, the chief executive of Evered, said that Henderson, as a building products company, had a number of businesses which were complementary to its own. He said Evered saw opportunities for developing a commercial relationship.

Mr Pat Gaynor, the chairman of Henderson, said he had arranged a meeting for today with Mr Raschid Abdullah, the Evered chairman. He said he did not know enough about Evered's businesses to say whether there were opportunities for a commercial relationship between the two companies.

Three weeks ago Henderson received a bid approach from another party, which pushed the shares sharply higher. The jump in the price, from 319p to 358p on September 30, scared away the potential predator and bid discussions are no longer taking place.

Earlier this month, Henderson announced a 38 per cent rise in pretax profits in the half year to August 29 to £3.06 million. Turnover was marginally lower at £41.2 million.

The company has sold off its heavily loss-making Normand Electrical division and turned around the security products division.

Full-year pretax profits are expected to rise by about £2 million to £6.4 million.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

BSR spends £4m on Italian manufacturer

BSR International, a manufacturer of electronic components and equipment, is buying Girmi, a private Italian company, for a maximum of £9.95 million. Girmi manufactures and distributes small electrical appliances, including food processors, ice-cream makers, toasters and irons. It is established in France and Germany as well as Italy.

An initial payment of £4.98 million cash has been made and the balance will depend on profits this year. Last year, Girmi made a pretax loss of £550,000 on turnover of £15.6 million, but the company is forecast to return to profit this year after a substantial reorganization. The vendors have warranted that net assets are not less than £1.85 million.

Chloride 77% of Powerline

Chloride, the battery maker, has declared its agreed £21 million offer for Powerline International unconditional after receiving acceptances representing 76.9 per cent of the USM-quoted company, which designs, produces and distributes electronic power supplies. The purchase, which will give Chloride a major route into Europe, marks the group's first sizeable acquisition in a decade.

Petrocon loss soars by 59%

Half-year losses at Petrocon Group increased 59 per cent to £526,000 on turnover down 25 per cent to £5.2 million. The losses reflect the group's heavy dependence on the oil service industry and underline the need to widen its industrial base. The group said that several acquisitons were being considered, now that it had made progress with its disposal programme.

Leisure leaps 130%

Leisure Investments, the snooker club and amusement centre operator, increased pretax profits last year by 130 per cent to £1.8 million, on turnover up 81 per cent to £5.6 million. The company said the poor summer weather benefited the snooker division.

The results included an exceptional profit of £495,000 on the group's investment in GRA Group, made in connection with a possible takeover bid. However, Leisure pointed out that because of the investment, it had to forgo interest it would otherwise have earned on the money. Interest payable rose £200,000 to £309,000. The shares closed 14p down at 160p.

ITC 'allowed to appeal'

The House of Lords decided to allow the insolvent International Tin Council to appeal over the use of ITC documents in court actions after the 1985-86 tin crisis. It will decide on November 2 if the ITC papers are admissible as evidence. The ruling will be referred back to the action by two Shearson Lehman offshoots against the London Metal Exchange.

US brick firm for Marley

Marley, the building products and roofing materials group, is buying the Corbin Brick Company of Kentucky, for £8.25 million. Marley is taking over Corbin through its existing United States brick manufacturing business, General Shale Products. On the stock market yesterday, the company's share price jumped by 21p to 161p.

Anchor steers to £1m

Anchor Chemical Group, the chemical manufacturer and distributor, yesterday announced pretax profits of £1.1 million for the six months to June 30. This compares with profits of £673,000 in the corresponding half of last year.

Margins have improved considerably since the company's turnover increased only slightly from £16.6 million to £17.2 million. Earnings per share have virtually doubled — from 9.1p to 18.1p — and the increase was matched by a doubling of the interim dividend to 2.5p.

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Tender documents for the project will include detailed design drawings, specifications and bills of quantities prepared by the A&E Consultant. The construction contract will be awarded on a fixed price, lump-sum basis. The scope of the contract will include preparation of full shop drawings and the execution of all site-works and construction of the project.

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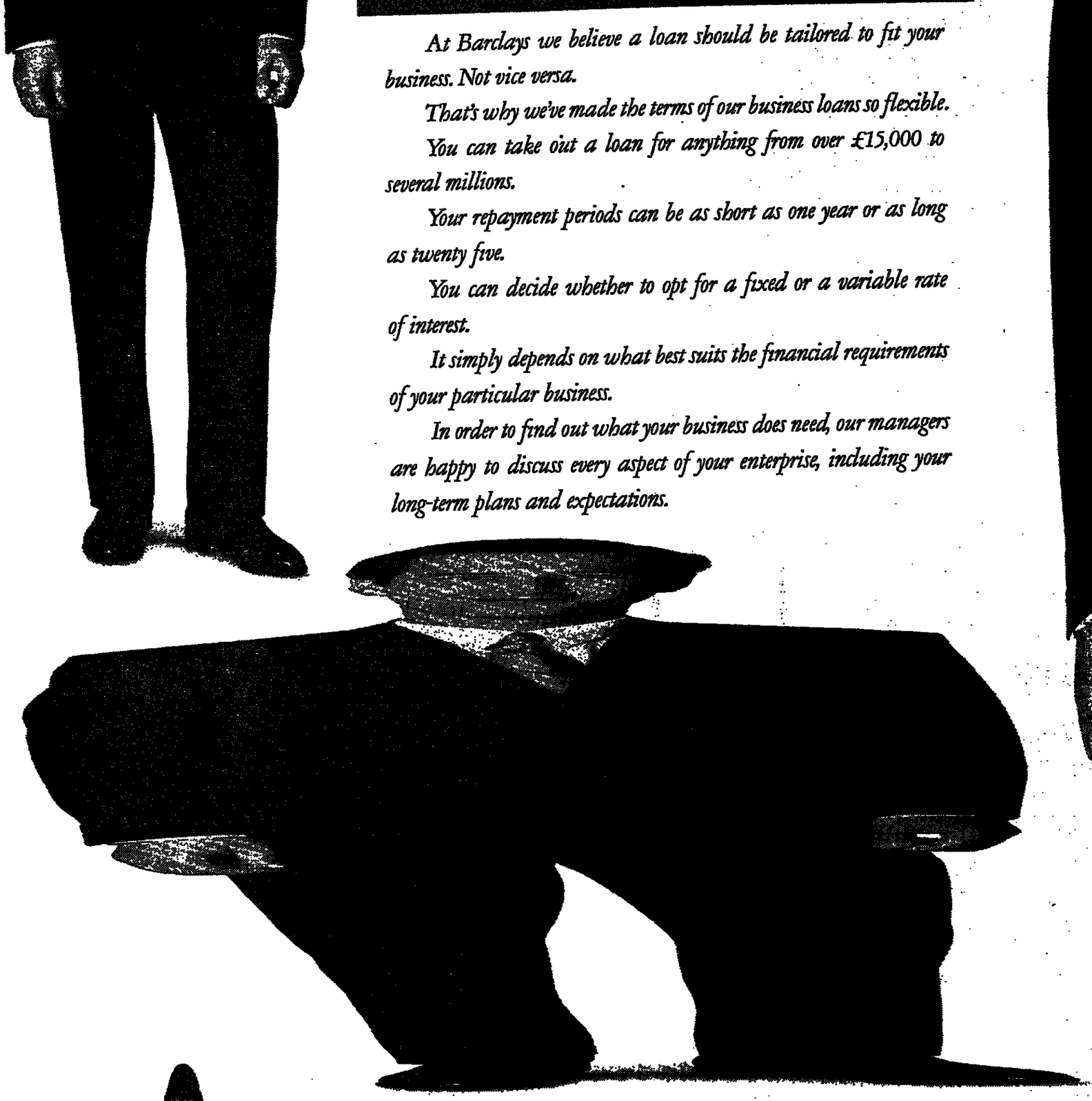
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Garage managers' pay soars

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Improved profitability in the motor trade has led to 50 per cent increases in managers' salaries over the past three years. Many general managers and managing directors of car dealerships have seen earnings double in the same period.

This emerges from a survey of motor trade earnings by Aplin Phillimore Associates, a management and recruitment consultancy.

Competition for staff is another factor in pushing up earnings, says the survey, which found the highest earnings were in London and the South East where a dealership general manager averaged £32,000 a year. The lowest salaries were in Scotland where average earnings were £23,350.

But it was not uncommon for general managers of the larger, more successful dealerships to earn about £45,000 a year, said the survey. The highest paid general manager, of a car dealership, was found on Merseyside, earning £65,000 a year.

The typical manager in car and truck dealerships contributed to a contracted-out pension scheme, had medical and life assurance cover and 22 working days annual holiday.

● *The APA Pay Guide*: £39.50 from APA, Circle House North, 69-71 Wembley Hill Road, Wembley HA9 8BL.

Co-op criticizes MMC order on funeral sales

By Joe Joseph

The Co-operative Wholesale Society yesterday hit out at a government decision to back a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report ordering the CWS to sell parts of the Scottish funeral business it bought from House of Fraser this summer.

The MMC report, published yesterday, argued that the acquisition was against the public interest and made it difficult for new competitors.

House of Fraser sold its undertaking activities in England to Hodgson Holdings, the fast-growing funerals group, and its Scottish funeral business to the Co-op in June. The deal was the biggest in the history of the funeral services industry.

The purchase added 9,500 funerals a year to the Co-op's undertaking interests and marked another stage in the transformation of the undertaking industry from a fragmented business, run by thousands of independent family firms, to one dominated by a few larger concerns.

The MMC's report requires the Co-op to make the disposals within a year. The acquisition was referred to the takeover watchdog a week before the general election in June on grounds of competition.

The Co-op, however, argues that it is difficult to exploit a high market share given the large number of competitors and what it sees as the ease with which new entrants can establish themselves.

Mr David Skinner, deputy chief executive of the Co-op's retail and services division, said: "Funerals are essentially a local business with most firms operating only within 10 miles of their base.

"There are many places where there is only one funeral operator, apparently in a monopoly position. The commission itself found there was no evidence that prices are higher in those areas which are subject to less competition.

"The CWS funeral business has its headquarters in Glasgow, where it is competing with 13 other firms. In Scotland as a whole it is competing with at least 220 firms."

The MMC argued that while the House of Fraser acquisition lifted the Co-op's share of the Scottish market to 44 per cent, it raised its market share to 100 per cent in Aberdeen and Falkirk and to 77 per cent in Perth.

Video stake for Virgin

By Michael Tate

Mr Richard Branson's Virgin Group has paid £4 million for a 45 per cent stake in Mastertronic Group, a computer games group with interests in video, music distribution and arcade software.

Virgin says the acquisition will give it increased purchasing power and greater distribution strength. Mastertronic is in the expanding low-price end of the market which has grown from 24 per cent to 55 per cent of the British market in the last two years.

It believes that Mastertronic's presence overseas, particularly in the United States and Europe, will enable Virgin to develop these markets further.



Branson: more buying power

Silentnight lifts interim payout

Silentnight Holdings raised pretax profits for the six months ending August 1 to £3.31 million from £1.43 million last time on turnover up to £46.17 million against £39.61 million. Trading profit nearly doubled to £3.16 million from £1.60 million.

The company is raising the interim dividend to 1.75p from 1p. Earnings per share – before tax – are up to 7.36p from 3.18p and – after tax – to 4.43p from 1.98p.

The improved performance reflects further growth throughout the group. Silentnight Beds continues to benefit from improved labour relations and the Ultimate Sleep system range of products.

The company still has room to improve performance through greater efficiency, according to the company. Though the furniture industry has surplus capacity and is subject to strong competition, the group's factories are very busy and they should continue to benefit from the £6m capital expenditure programme.

Phoenix Timber

Phoenix Timber Group is buying Dransfield Timber, together with the freehold property occupied by the business, from Evered Holdings. Dransfield is a timber merchant at Morley, West Yorkshire. The consideration of about £411,000 is wholly payable in cash on completion. Dransfield made pretax profits of £53,000 in 1986.

Asda acquisition

Asda Property Holdings has acquired Holwell Securities, a privately-owned property trading company, for a about £2.4 million cash payable on completion. Holwell owns a mixed portfolio of properties. Pretax profits for the year to April 10 totalled £123,000 and the current rental income is about £193,000 a year. The company intends to review the portfolio and properties which do not satisfy the investment criteria will be disposed of. A number of vacant, residential properties will be sold immediately.

Tom Robinson

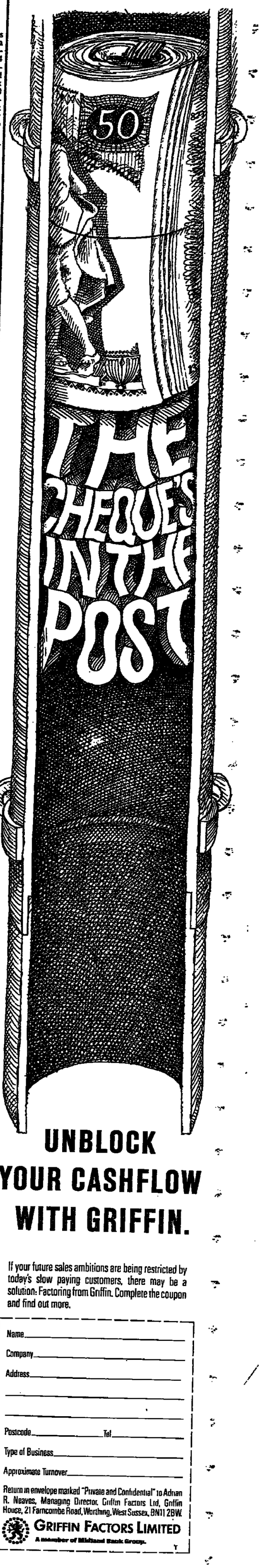
Tom Robinson has purchased Norburys of Malton and Castle Motors (York), the vehicle distributors. A consideration of £2.05 million has been satisfied by £551,000 in cash, the issue of £500,000 in loan notes and 170,940 ordinary shares. The combined net assets of Norburys and Castle at October 31 last were £815,000, with and profits before tax for that year at £67,000.

Classic offer

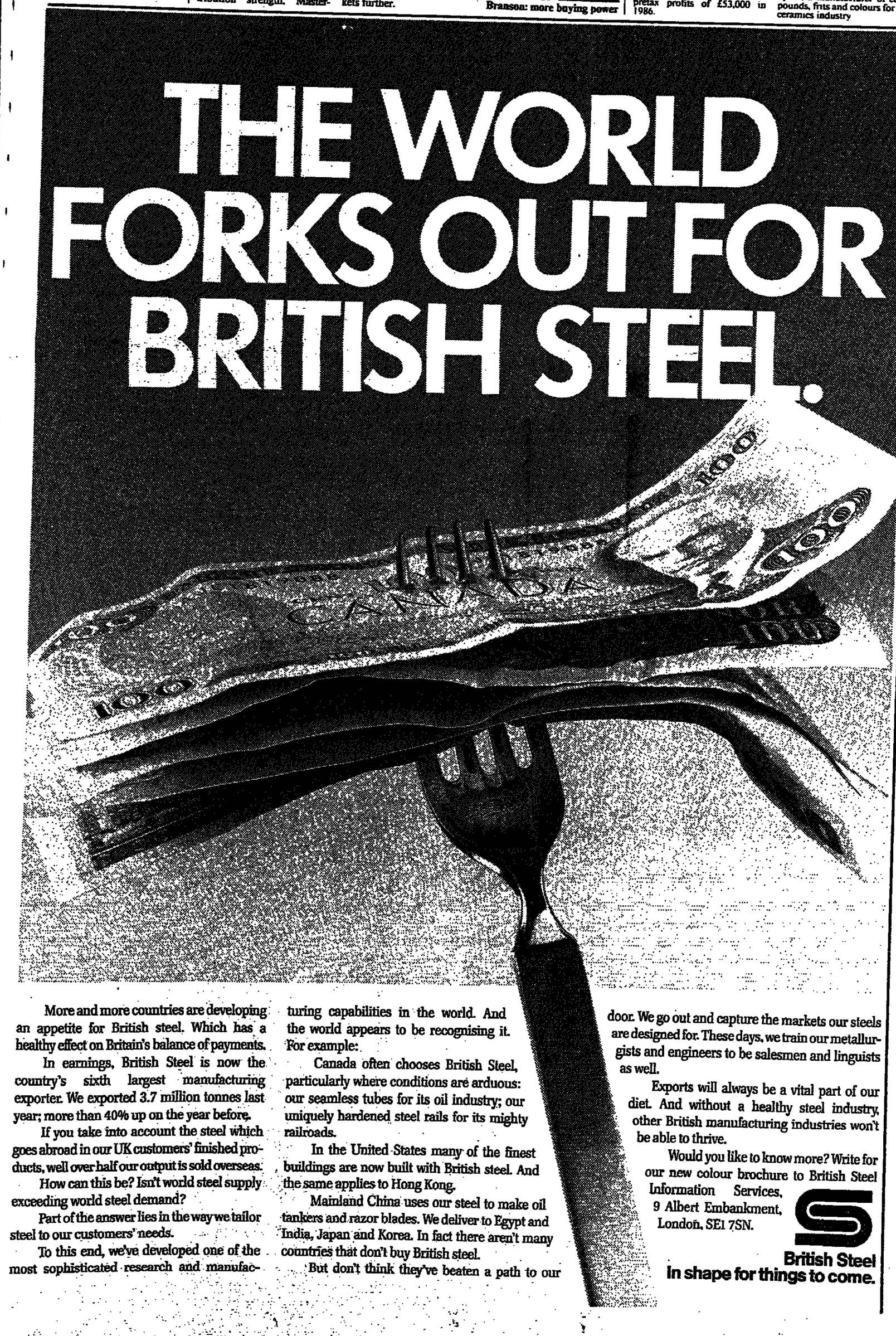
The offer for sale of 6.66 million ordinary shares with accompanying rights by Classic Thoroughbreds has been oversubscribed more than three times. The allocation of shares favours the small investor and all small applicants are to receive a minimum of 500 shares.

Cookson purchase

Cookson Group has acquired 91 percent of Zircolor of Castellon, Spain, a manufacturer of compounds, frits and colours for the ceramics industry



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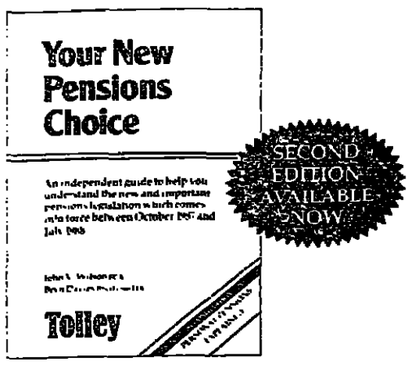
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INDEPENDENT ADVICE ON A CRUCIAL DECISION

New look at Cerestar

By Colin Narbrough

Ferruzzi, the fast-expanding Italian agro-industry group, whose bid for British Sugar was blocked earlier this year, has given the go-ahead for the modernization of the Manchester mill and glucose refinery belonging to its newly-acquired subsidiary, Cerestar.

The plant, on the Manchester ship canal, is one of the largest processors of maize in Europe for starch, oil and fibre. About 60 per cent of the starch is used as feedstock for glucose syrup and dextrose monohydrate.

Mr Paul Tjepkema, president of Belgium-based Cerestar, the former US-owned CPC Europe, told a City luncheon yesterday that the modernization, planned for last year, had been delayed because of bid battles.

Cerestar wanted to regain its previous market leadership in Britain and was now in a position to be a constant force in the sector, he said.

Signor Raul Gardini, Ferruzzi president, said Cerestar rounded off the group's activities in Europe with a high-technology processor of cereals.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	5,299	Coats	2,522	Land Sec	3,903	Royal Bank	774
Allid-Lyons	5,694	CU	6,965	Laporte	2,344	Royal Ins	1,759
Amstrad	7,764	Cons Gold	877	Lasmo	1,804	Saatchi	978
ASDA	11,491	Cookson	1,628	Lloyds	2,148	Sainsbury	3,707
AB Foods	701	Courtaulds	3,176	Lonrho	5,115	Scot & N	3,215
Argyll	5,021	Dalgety	896	Lucas	1,153	Sears	7,190
BAA	9,408	Dee	6,599	Magnet	1,262	Sedgwick	720
BET	2,360	Dixons	8,542	M&S	23,249	Shell	3,447
BTR	7,585	ECC	895	MEPC	1,806	Smith & N	2,992
BAT	11,273	Enterprise	448	Metal Box	1,686	STC	6,579
Barclays	4,491	Ferranti	4,494	Midland	3,172	Stan Chart	1,223
Bass	1,826	Fisons	6,573	NatWest	7,211	Storehse	15,244
Beecham	9,369	Gen Acc	549	Nestl	3,459	*Sun Allnce*	*1,595*
Beazer	588	GEC	16,702	Nth Food	778	T & N	3,302
BICC	585	Glaxo	6,323	P&O	1,638	Tarmac	4,434
Blue Circle	1,043	Globe	583	Pearl	304	Tate & Lyle	250
BOC	2,698	Granada	1,712	Pearson	1,263	TSB	8,389
Boots	6,291	Grand Met	8,003	Pilkington	8,552	Tesco	9,582
BPB	2,167	GUS 'A'	1,224	Plessey	6,889	Thorn EMI	3,703
Br Aero	2,861	GRE	303	Prudential	2,216	Trafalgar	2,216
Br Airways	9,992	GKN	2,819	Racal	10,578	THF	6,274
Br Comm	1,785	Guinness	4,576	Rk Hovis	833	Ultramar	4,263
Br Gas	36,362	Hamm 'A'	379	Rank	1,383	Ungate	2,143
Br Petrol	36,711	Hanson	32,684	R&C	413	Unilever	2,485
BPCC	2,487	Hawker	1,755	Redland	1,270	United Bis	1,940
Br Telecm	21,673	Hawley	1,630	Reed	3,174	*Utd News*	*1,111*
Britoil	4,291	Hillsdown	2,045	Reuters	4,472	Wellcome	3,832
Bunzl	1,996	IMI	2,828	RMC Gp	233	Whitbrd	2,593
Burmah	613	ICI	6,822	RTZ	1,909	Willis Fab	1,165
Burton	6,495	Jaguar	3,897	R-Royce	11,065	Woolworth	3,017
C&W	13,497	Lasmo	1,110	Rothmn 'B'	2,450		
Cadbury	7,994	Ladbroke	1,531	Rowntree	526		

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THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	290	320	+10
56	18	Aber Am Pet	38	42	+2
150	110	Allied Ins	130	140	+7
78	48	Amercoal	48	53	+3
111	55	Andaman Res	75	80	+3
285	116	Broadcast	220	240	+15
192	61	Carnotech	140	150	-6
103	45	Catalyst	62	67	+7
203	153	Chelsea Art	160	175	-10
110	68	Chemex Intl	73	83	+10
159	120	Comac	120	140	+10
151	50	Corton Bch	115	120	+8
226	150	Crown Eye	180	190	+20
68	18	Egerton	22	24	+3
45	11	Do Wrnts	12	14	+2
186	1	Far E Res	120	125	nc
110	78	Gardner (J)	90	95	+15
53	29	Honorbld	43	48	+13
73	70	Kemp (PE)	70	75	nc
181	65	Leadleg Ltr	95	100	+8
90	68	Lynx Tech	65	75	-20

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 19	October 31	January 21	February 1

Call options were taken out on: 21/10/87 Eagle Trust, Hillsdown Hldgs., J Crowther, Explaura, Pentland Inds., Premier, Barclays, Inoco, Allied Lyons, Rothmans, Wellcome, Arenson, B Elliott, Control Secs., Morgan Grenfell, Nat. West., Clyde Pet., Reunore, FJC Lilley, Ossery Est., Glaxo, Greenwich Res., Astra Hldgs., Sound Diff., Boots, BOMS, Cable & Wireless, BP, Grand Met., Bristol, Jaguar, Hazlewood Foods, Woolworths, Blue Arrow, Pleasurama, Saatchi & Saatchi, Polly Peck, Owners Abroad, Blacks Leisure, Unilever, TSB, Phicom, Marks & Spencer, Burtons, Arlwoods, Rolls-Royce, Barratt Devs., Magnet & Southerns, Talbex, Fine Art Devs., M Ford, Hestair, BATS, BSR, Williams Hldgs., AB Foods, Ashley Inds.
Puts & Calls: Eagle Trust, Abaco.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	144 +8
Alexander Walter	240
Amer Plastic (61p)	73 +3
Anglo Leasing	210 +5
Banner Homes (105p)	131 +11
Butte Mining (100p)	145 +35
Cauldon	37 +5
Corporate Prop	85
Dolphin Packg (106p)	140 +10
Econ Forestry	118 +5
Explaura	37 +4
Glamar Gp	230 +2
Guidehouse	95 +5
ISA Intl (80p)	126 +8
Kingston Oil (100p)	121 +6
Knobs Knockers	115
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	185 +5
Marcol Group	108 +3
Power Corp	98
Premark Intl	£11½ -¼
Rolls-Royce (170p)	166 +13
Ross Consumer (165p)	215
Rural Plan	108 +5
Sec Archives	230 +5
Shaftsbury (180p)	178 +5
Stanhope Props (250p)	248 +11
URS Intl	76 +1
USDC Inv	158 +3
Zsters Leis	138 +5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hunter Sapphire N/P	7 +3
Kleinwort Ben N/P	14 +4
Lanca N/P	9
Lilleshall N/P	10 +2
Local London N/P	15¼
New England N/P	5 +2
Peachy Props N/P	14 +4
Securiguard N/P	
Sketchley N/P	20 +7
Wace N/P	5 +1

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Adam & Company	10.00%
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Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
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Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

APPOINTMENTS

Horizon Travel names chief

Steel Stampings: Mr Mike Akers has been appointed managing director.

Bischoff & Co: Mr John Clapham becomes senior partner.

Welwyn Electronic Components: Mr Bill Bainbridge has been appointed managing director.

CCF Group: Mr Michael Enright becomes international director.

Hestair Kiddicraft: Mr Andrew Plummer joins as financial director.

Lowndes Lambert Oil & Energy: Mr N J K Becker becomes a director.

Leisuretime International: Mr Adrian Aylward has been appointed finance director.

National Investment Group: Mr Christopher Chapman, Mr Nicholas Greenwood and Mrs Katie Morris have been made group regional directors.



Sir Robin: non-executive director at Dane & Company

Harrisons & Crosfield: Mr David Hugh Laing Hopkinson becomes deputy chairman.

Dane & Company: Sir Robin Napier is made a non-executive director.

Amalgamated Financial Investments: Mr Greville Howard joins the board as a non-executive director.

Allied Dunbar Asset Management: Mr Hugh Jenkins has become chairman and chief executive, with Mr Harry Littlefair as vice-chairman. Mr Howard Goldring joins the board as UK equity director.

Matheson Investment Management: Mr Clive Menzies becomes deputy managing director.

S Lyles Sons & Co: Mr Paul Rogan has been appointed export director.

TR Financial Communications: Mr Peter Stallibrass is now managing director.

Air Products Europe: Dr David Moran has been appointed a vice president.

Egerton Trust: Mr Colin Bridger joins the board.

General Foods: Mr Nick Fennell has been made sales director and Mr Bob Killick director of Foodservice from November 1.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyon ('280)	390	3	25	37	20	35	42
	420	1	15	25	50	57	65
	460	1	7	15	90	93	95
Bass ('575)	900	2	33	65	30	80	100
	950	1½	35	65	90	120	140
	1000	1	23	50	140	150	180
Brit Air ('177)	180	1	23	33	10	23	30
	200	1	15	28	32	40	45
Brit Cast ('428)	460	1	25	40	50	55	65
	500	1	15	25	80	80	85
	550	½	6	13	130	130	130
Brit Gas ('151)	165	1	10	—	18	23	—
	180	½	6	8	38	45	45
	200	1/16	3	—	55	55	—
BP ('299)	330	1	25	38	30	48	58
	360	1	14	25	60	83	98
	390	—	8	13	—	92	98
Britoil ('266)	300	½	18	30	31	55	55
	330	—	10	18	—	80	80
	360	—	6	13	—	100	105
Cons Gold ('1070)	1400	3	50	90	350	370	400
	1450	3	35	75	400	420	450
	1500	2	25	60	450	470	500
Courtauld ('448)	420	38	52	75	½	13	23
	460	2	32	52	20	35	48
	500	1	18	35	60	60	68
	550	1	8	18	110	110	110
Com Union ('403)	330	75	—	90	2	4	7
	360	45	60	65	2	10	15
	390	15	40	48	5	20	25
C & W ('409)	390	20	65	90	4	23	33
	420	2	43	65	17	47	60
	460	1	30	48	50	73	100
	500	—	15	28	—	105	135
GEC ('201)	200	¼	26	37	5	18	23
	220	¼	17	28	20	30	35
	240	1/16	8½	17	40	47	50
GKN ('337)	330	8	40	48	3	22	30
	360	2	28	37	28	45	53
	390	1	15	23	58	70	75
	420	1	8	15	88	95	100
Grand Met ('481)	460	20	55	67	1	27	35
	500	1	35	45	30	47	57
	550	½	18	23	80	85	93
	600	½	6	13	130	130	130
ICI ('1308)	1450	3	85	—	160	165	165
	1500	3	60	65	210	210	210
	1550	2	30	55	255	260	260
	1600	1½	20	40	310	305	305
Jaguar ('453)	500	2	35	55	55	80	95
	550	1	20	40	105	115	135
	600	1	10	28	155	160	165
Land Sec ('453)	550	1	28	38	60	80	82
	600	1	10	28	110	110	110
	650	1	8	12	160	160	160
M & S ('225)	220	7	28	36	3	16	22
	240	½	18	26	18	26	30
	260	½	9	18	38	40	44
R-Royce ('165)	185	1	15	22	23	28	33
	195	1	8	13	33	38	43
	205	½	6	12	43	45	50
	215	½	4	8	53	55	—
Shell ('1135)	1350	1	40	65	230	255	260
	1400	½	23	45	280	280	280
	1450	½	15	30	330	330	360
Storehse ('310)	360	½	16	27	50	60	65
	390	½	8	18	80	85	85
	420	½	6	12	110	115	115
Trafalgar ('373)	460	½	4	8	150	155	155
	360	15	32	50	3	18	20
	390	1	20	30	20	32	35
	420	1	11	20	50	55	55
TSB ('134)	130	6	16	22	2	8	12
	140	1	10	15	7	15	17
	150	½	6	7	15	23	23
Woolworth ('335)	325	15	—	—	3	—	27
	330	—	35	55	—	18	—
	350	2	—	—	20	—	—
	375	1	20	—	45	58	—

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad ('147)	160	14	25	35	25	35	38
	180	9	18	28	42	50	55
	200	3½	10	18	57	65	75
Barclays ('503)	550	17	35	53	65	70	75
	600	6	20	30	105	105	115
	650	3	8	15	155	155	155
Beecham ('433)	460	35	45	60	70	80	85
	500	18	30	40	95	105	115
	550	9	18	25	145	150	160
	600	2	8	15	190	195	205
Boots ('259)	280	14	28	32	36	42	46
	300	8	18	24	48	54	60
	330	3	7	12	76	78	76
BTR ('304)	330	17	28	32	37	40	45
	360	7	14	20	67	70	72
	390	1½	8	12	97	100	102
Blue Circ ('408)	460	—	27	40	—	65	75
	500	8	15	32	100	105	108
	550	3	10	—	150	150	—
De Beers ('1225)	1100	390	—	—	8	—	—
	1200	290	—	—	15	—	—
	1300	190	—	—	80	—	—

	Calls Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
De Beers ('1280)	1400	90	—	—	55	—	—
	1450	68	84	—	78	80	88
	1500	45	65	85	103	110	120
Glaxo ('1240)	1400	45	70	105	220	230	245
	1450	35	55	85	260	265	280
	1500	25	45	70	300	305	325
	1550	20	35	55	340	345	365
Hanson ('141)	140	18	20	23	14	17	20
	160	8	13	17	28	30	32
	180	4	8½	9	42	44	45
	200	1¼	3	5½	62	63	64
Lasmo ('280)	280	—	32	47	—	25	33
	300	17	27	38	27	43	50
	330	12	17	25	55	65	73
	360	4	7	9	85	95	105
Midland ('458)	495	18	35	—	50	60	—
	525	—	—	75	—	—	—
Sears ('138)	550	2	12	25	100	105	110
	140	13	18	—	10	13	—
	160	7	9	10	26	28	30
	180	1½	5	6	45	46	47
Tesco ('169)	167	18	—	—	10	—	—
	183	10	21	—	22	24	—
	200	5	15	18	38	40	44
Thorn EMI ('812)	650	30	55	70	50	75	90
	700	15	35	50	95	110	120
	750	7	20	30	140	140	150
	800	4	10	—	190	190	—
THF ('250)	240	20	28	35	13	20	35
	260	11	18	25	28	28	50
	280	7	10	18	40	45	60
Unilever ('515)	600	6	22	35	95	100	115
	650	5	16	25	150	150	165
	700	3	4	15	200	200	205
Wellcome ('394)	360	60	65	105	30	45	60
	390	45	65	85	45	60	75
	420	30	50	70	65	80	90

	Series	Mar	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA ('125)	130	13	17	23	15	20	23
	140	7	12	15	23	28	30
	150	3	5	8	40	45	48
Brit Aero ('473)	460	40	65	85	23	37	45
	500	18	40	55	50	58	68
	550	6	20	35	90	95	105
BAT Ind ('546)	550	30	55	70	25	35	53
	600	15	37	50	80	70	85
	650	6	25	35	100	105	115
Brit Tele ('234)	700	3	15	23	150	155	165
	240	15	27	38	12	20	27
	260	7	17	25	32	38	46
Cadbury ('236)	280	3	9	16	48	50	58
	260	6	14	16	28	32	32
	280	3	9	12	45	48	50
Guinness ('307)	300	1	3	8	65	67	70
	330	7	23	28	40	43	48
	360	3	12	20	82	85	88
Ladbroke ('401)	390	1	5	10	92	92	93
	432	10	—	—	40	—	—
LASMO ('333)	444	5	22	30	53	57	67
	483	1	10	20	90	93	100
	330	22	42	53	25	31	40
Plessey ('188)	360	12	27	35	45	50	65
	390	17½	11	20	72	77	83
	180	23	33	40	11	18	23
P & O ('560)	200	10	23	25	23	33	38
	220	3	10	20	38	43	47
	638	7	13	—	83	83	—
	588	2	13	—	133	133	—
Prudential ('878)	750	1	7	12	195	195	195
	1000	12	35	45	130	140	150
	1050	5	20	30	180	180	190
	1100	3	12	25	230	230	240
Racal ('268)	330	9	22	33	42	50	55
	330	5	18	33	70	74	75
	360	2	10	17	97	102	105
RTZ ('945)	1250	17	70	100	320	370	400
	1300	12	60	90	370	420	450
	1350	8	50	80	420	470	500
	1400	6	—	70	470	—	550
Vaal Reef ('716)	130	7	16	20	20	23	28
	140	5	13	17	30	32	35
	150	3	10	13	40	42	43
Tr 11¾% 1991 ('£104)	102	2⅝	2⅝	—	⅛	1/16	—
	104	1/16	1/16	—	⅜	1⅛	—
	106	1/16	⅜	—	1/16	2⅜	—
	108	1/16	⅜	—	3⅛	4⅛	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 ('£112)	110	2¾	4	4⅝	1 1/16	2 1/16	3 9/16
	112	2 9/16	3	3 9/16	2 1/16	3⅜	4⅛
	114	1 1/16	2 9/16	—	3 3/16	4⅝	5 5/16
	116	1 1/16	2 1/16	2 7/16	5⅝	6 5/16	—
	118	1/16	1 1/16	—	6½	7⅜	—

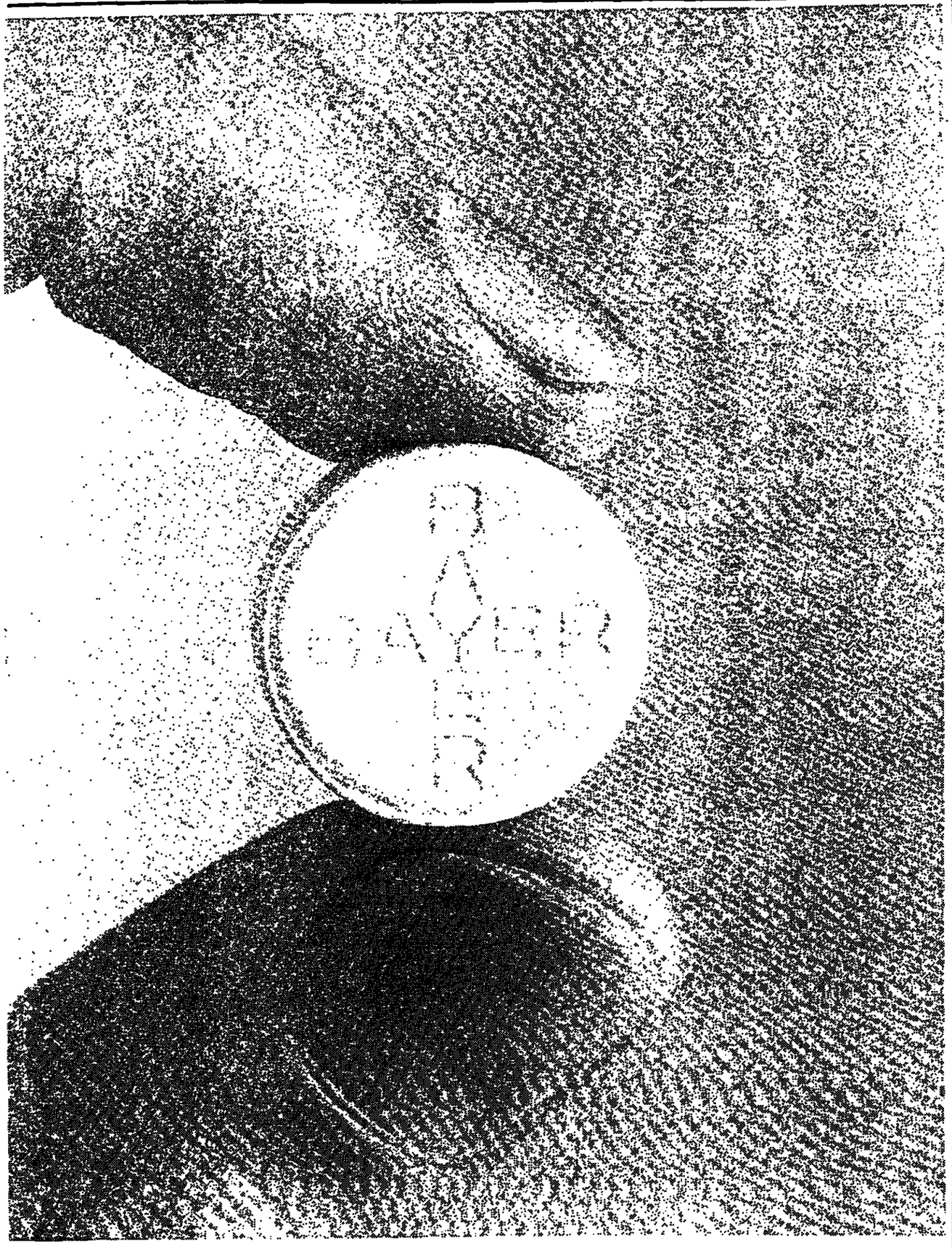
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Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
2000	90	200	150	250	150	230	240	280
2050	50	125	200	250	175	230	270	310
2100	40	75	160	200	250	290	300	340
2150	18	60	—	—	280	320	—	—
2200	15	45	—	—	320	370	—	—
2250	10	40	—	—	370	420	—	—
2300	5	25	—	—	420	470	—	—
2350	4	20	—	—	470	520	—	—

October 21, 1987 Total: 119142 Calls 58947 Puts 60195 FT-SE: Calls 4077 Puts 2370
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1986 Sales Bayer Group: DM 40,749 million. Share of sales outside West Germany: 79 per cent.

Sales Bayer AG: DM 16,774 million. Export share: 66.1 per cent.

Bayer Group capital investment: DM 2,373 million, of which DM 1,411 million in West Germany. Expenditure for research: DM 2,074 million, of which DM 1,176 million at Bayer AG.

After-tax profits for Bayer Group: DM 1,491 million; for Bayer AG: DM 839 million.

Dividend for 1986: DM 10 per share of DM 50 nominal.

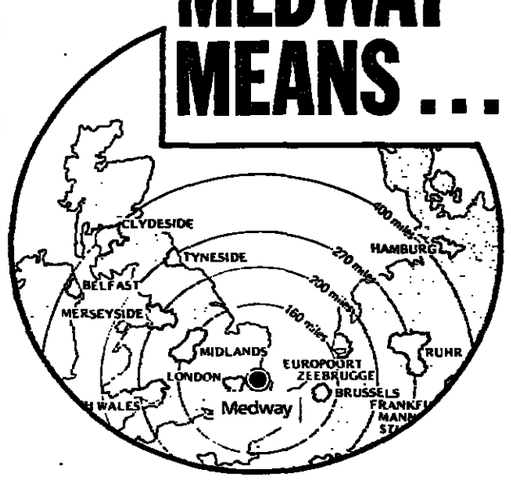
Total dividend payments: DM 589 million on capital stock of DM 2,946 million distributed to some 320,000 shareholders.

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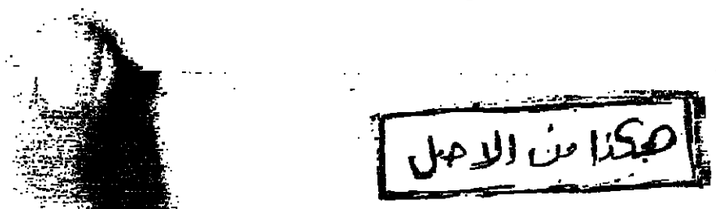
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Equities taking heart

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 12. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day October 26. Settlement day November 2. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 32)

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	MK Elect	Electricals	
2	Whitbread	Industrials S-Z	
3	Eng China Clay (as)	Industrials B-K	
4	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
5	Pittard	Shoes,Leather	
6	Ossory Est	Property	
7	Trafalgar Hse (as)	Industrials S-Z	
8	Alcan	Drapery,Stores	
9	Vaux	Breweries	
10	Fanuff Elect	Electricals	
11	ASDA-MFI (as)	Foods	
12	Erith	Building,Roads	
13	Newman Tonks	Building,Roads	
14	Crystalate	Electricals	
15	Matthg	Industrials L-R	
16	Fitch Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
17	Norpond	Industrials L-R	
18	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
19	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
20	Pilcom	Electricals	
21	Porter Chadburn	Industrials L-R	
22	NMW Comp	Electricals	
23	Gosl Pet	Oil,Gas	
24	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R	
25	Hdsne Of London	Drapery,Stores	
26	Richardson West	Industrials L-R	
27	Bramay	Industrials A-D	
28	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
29	Plessey (as)	Electricals	
30	Premier	Oil,Gas	
31	Dawson	Textiles	
32	Brown & Tawse	Industrials A-D	
33	Cmadon	Building,Roads	
34	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Greene King	Breweries	
37	Lon Securities	Property	
38	Rowntree (as)	Foods	
39	Dixons Grp (as)	Drapery,Stores	
40	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
41	Eurotherm	Electricals	
42	TSB (as)	Banks,Discount	
43	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
44	Brossgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
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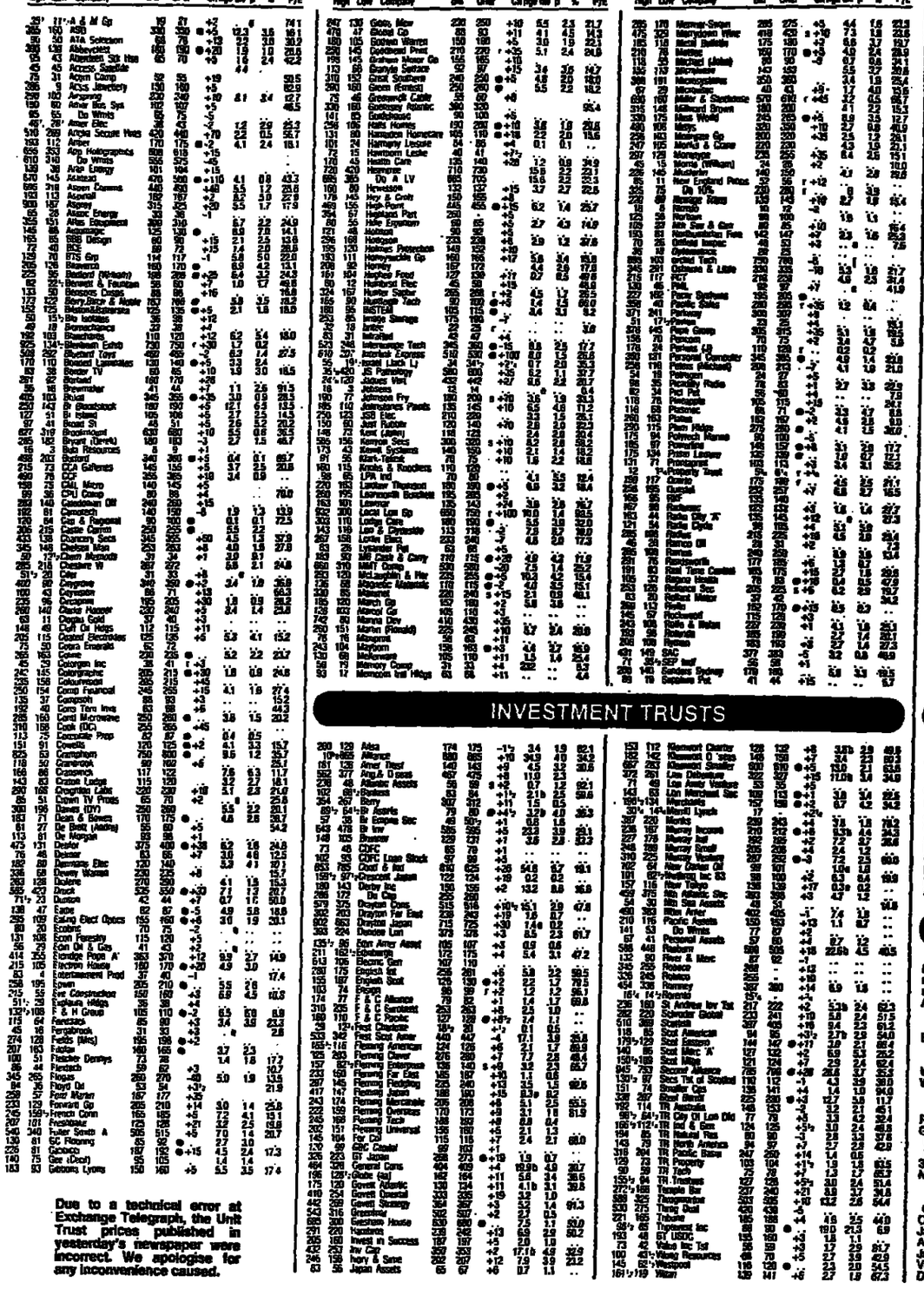
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Due to a technical error at Exchange Telegraph, the Unit Trust prices published in yesterday's newspaper were incorrect. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $480.00-495.00 (£290.00-293.00)
Krugerrand*: $465.00-468.00 (£281.00-283.00)
Maplaleaf (1/oz): $480.00-495.00 (£290.00-293.00)
American Eagles: $480.00-495.00 (£290.00-293.00)
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Old Sovereigns*: $109.75-111.25 (£66.50-67.50)
Platinum: $399.00 (£241.50)
Palladium: $129.50 (£78.15)
Silver: $7.41-7.40 (£4.480-4.495)

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 73.4 (day's range 73.3-73.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 21

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New York	1.6510-1.6570	1.6550-1.6560	0.32-0.29pr	0.73-0.68pr
Montreal	2.1702-2.1768	2.1728-2.1738	0.21-0.10pr	0.50-0.35pr
Amsterdm	3.3599-3.3700	3.3654-3.3700	1¼-1¼pr	3⅛-3⅜pr
Brussels	62.11-62.40	62.24-62.40	30-19pr	85-70pr
Copnhgn	11.4744-11.5029	11.4764-11.4999	¾pr-par	1-¾pr
Dublin	1.1146-1.1176	1.1157-1.1167	9-13dis	22-32dis
Frankft	2.9982-2.9985	2.9922-2.9985	1⅝-1¼pr	4-3¾pr
Lisbon	235.93-237.76	236.43-237.40	35-80dis	165-260dis
Madrid	194.24-195.35	194.40-194.77	30pr-10dis	10-95dis
Milan	2154.57-2161.51	2157.29-2161.51	par-4dis	5-35dis
Oslo	10.9445-10.9801	10.9569-10.9801	5¾-4¼dis	9¾-10¼dis
Paris	9.9706-10.0047	9.9904-10.0047	1⅜-1¼pr	3⅝-3¼pr
Stockhm	10.5004-10.5577	10.5503-10.5539	par-par	1¼pr-¼dis
Tokyo	237.03-238.14	237.82-238.14	1¼-1¼pr	3¾-3pr
Vienna	20.99-21.09	20.99-21.02	10¾-9¾pr	38¾-36¾pr
Zurich	2.4778-2.4866	2.4826-2.4866	1¾-1¼pr	4-3¾pr

Premium = pr. Discount = dis.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6.9092-6.9454
Australia dollar	2.3123-2.3154
Bahrain dinar	0.6230-0.6276
Brazil cruzado*	89.5384-89.9165
Cyprus pound	0.7780-0.7880
Finland markka	7.1650-7.2350
Greece drachma	222.00-231.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.8981-12.9457
India rupee	21.54-21.74
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4695-0.4875
Malaysia dollar	4.1606-4.1964
Mexico peso	28.60-29.00
New Zealand dollar	2.5570-2.5808
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1975-6.2275
Singapore dollar	3.4551-3.4868
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7850-5.7980
S Africa rand (com)	3.3950-3.4011
U A E dirham	6.0675-6.1075

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Bank of America International and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4830-1.4880	Denmark	6.8250-6.8300
Singapore	2.0800-2.0920	W Germany	1.8045-1.8060
Malaysia	2.8350-2.8310	Switzerland	1.4675-1.4690
Australia	0.7161-0.7195	Netherlands	2.0280-2.0300
Canada	1.3120-1.3130	France	6.0220-6.0250
Sweden	6.3550-6.3600	Japan	143.35-143.45
Norway	6.8100-6.8150	Italy	1301.5-1302.5
		Belgium (Com)	37.55-37.65
		Hong Kong	7.8057-7.8062
		Portugal	142.80-143.20
		Spain	117.90-118.00
		Austria	12.72-12.74

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 10 Finance Hse 10%
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 6 Week fixed: 9%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 9⅝ 3 mth – 9⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 9½ 3 mth – 9⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9⅝-9¾ 2 mth: 9⅝-9½ 3 mth: 9⅝-9½
6 mth 9⅝-9½
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 10⅛ 2 mth: 10⅛ 3 mth: 10⅛
6 mth 10⅛
Interbank (%) Overnight: open 9⅝ close 9
1 week: 9¾-9⅝ 1 mth: 9¾-9⅝ 3 mth: 10⅛-10⅛
6 mth: 10⅛-10⅛ 9 mth: 10⅛-10⅛ 12 mth: 10⅛-10⅛
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¾ 7 day: 9¼ 1 mth: 9⅞
3 mth: 10 6 mth: 10¼ 12 mth: 10¼
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 10-9¾ 2 mth: 10⅛-9⅝ 3 mth: 10⅛-9⅝
5 mth: 10⅛-10⅛ 9 mth: 10⅛-10⅛ 12 mth: 10⅛-10⅛
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 9¾-9¾ 3 mth: 10-9⅝ 6 mth: 10¼-10¼
12 mth: 10⅛-10⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 7.45-7.40 3 mth: 7.90-7.85 6 mth: 8.05-8.00
12 mth: 8.50-8.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 7¾-8¼	8⅛-7⅞	7¾-7⅝	8⅛-7⅞	8¼-8
Deutschemark: Call: 4-3	3⅝-3⅜	3¾-3½	4⅝-4⅜	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¾
French Franc: Call: 7¼-6¾	7¼-7	8-7¾	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8⅞	9¼-8
Swiss Franc: Call: 1¼-1	1¼-1	3¼-3⅛	4⅝-4¼	4⅝-4¼
Yen: Call: 3¼-2⅛	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆	4⅝-4¼	4⅝-4⅜	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¾

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987 - Agreed rate September 25, 1987 to October 23, 1987 - Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Scheme II 8 W: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987 - Scheme III: 10.037 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling					Previous open interest 17870
Dec 87	88.70	88.87	88.87	88.82	11606
Mar 88	88.73	88.90	88.88	88.84	7113
Jun 88	88.73	88.92	88.73	88.88	1358
Sep 88	88.66	88.80	88.65	88.78	19
Dec 88	NT	—	—	88.75	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	88.66	0
Three Month Eurodollar					Previous open interest 39027
Dec 87	91.92	92.15	91.78	91.92	12447
Mar 88	91.78	91.96	91.59	91.87	4099
Jun 88	91.45	91.69	91.39	91.56	883
Sep 88	91.25	91.37	91.25	91.18	148
Dec 88	91.15	91.15	91.10	91.02	94
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.79	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond					Previous open interest 20401
Dec 87	93-02	94-16	93-10	93-07	18280
Mar 88	92-16	93-28	92-16	92-19	23
Jun 88	—	—	—	—	—
Long Gilt					Previous open interest 23280
Dec 87	113-15	114-15	113-03	113-30	20850
Mar 88	113-18	114-09	113-17	114-04	78
FT-SE 100					Previous open interest n/a
Dec 87	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar 88	—	—	—	—	—
Japanese Govt Bond					Previous open interest 784
Dec 87	99.00	99.70	98.10	98.86	1015
Mar 88	NT	—	—	98.12	

COMMODITIES

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December Brent concentrated on a $1900-1910 range in moderate activity which introduced mild contango. Steadier paper led to end users entering the wet market, focussing on the North Sea and West Africa. All prompts traded reasonably at firmer levels.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.95	+20
15 day Nov	19.00	+20
15 day Dec	19.05	+20
WTI Dec	20.00	+15
WTI Jan	20.00	n/a

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	185-187	nc
Gasoil EEC	173-175	+3
Non 1H Oct	167-168	+3
Non 1H Nov	168-169	+3
3.5 Fuel Oil	102-104	nc
Naphtha	165-166	+3

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures. Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Oct 87 Hi 1138-1126 Low Close 1139.0
Jan 88 Hi 1269-1255 Low Close 1260.0
Apr 88 Hi 1297-1285 Low Close 1294.5
Jul 88 1180-1175 Close 1179.0
Vol 444 lots Open Interest 1573
Dry cargo index 1123.5 +16.5 on 20/10/87

GAS OIL $ W Jonmeus

Nov	169.75-69.50
Dec	170.50-70.25
Jan	171.00-70.75
Feb	171.00-70.75
Mar	167.00-64.50
Apr	164.00-60.00
May	163.00-58.00
Jun	162.00-56.00
Jul	162.00-56.00
Vol	4573

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Nov	unq.-102.0
Dec	unq.—
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	940	920
Feb	1040	1035
Mar	950	925
Apr	1600	1580
	Vol 1023	

LONDON FOX

COCOA	G W Joynson
Dec 1179-178	Sep 1274-273
Mar 1211-210	Dec 1299-296
May 1234-232	Mar 1324-320
Jul 1254-253	Vol 4779
COFFEE	G W Joynson
Nov 1325-322	Jul 1414-410
Jan 1354-353	Sep 1435-425
Mar 1378-377	Nov 1454-448
May 1398-398	Vol 2767
SUGAR:	C Czarnikow
FOB	Vol: 2737
Dec 155.2-58.4	Mar 162.0-62.2
May 167.0-67.2	Aug 168.6-70.2
Oct 172.0-72.2	Dec 173.4-75.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 345
Nv 10940 Ja 11230 Mr 11350
My 11565 Jl 11765 Sp 10335
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 161
Nv 10350 Ja 10610 Mr 10700
My 10935 Jl unq. Sp 9925
SOYABEAN
Dec 133.0-32.0 Aug 128.0-24.0
Feb 134.5-33.5 Oct 128.0-25.0
Apr 134.5-33.5
Jun 129.0-28.0 Vol 19

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Reuter Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Grde A	1175.0-1177.0	1104.0-1106.0	571800	Firm
Copper Stand	1155.0-1165.0	1100.0-1104.0	250	Idle
Lead	369.50-370.00	363.50-364.00	47400	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	477.00-478.00	478.50-480.00	59600	Steadier
Silver Langpf	747.00-750.00	768.00-769.00	97	Idle
Silver Sterl†	747.00-750.00	765.00-768.00	4	Idle
Aluminium	1174.0-1176.0	1095.0-1098.0	333850	Firm
Aluminium HP	1960.0-1970.0	1840.0-1850.0	12675	Idle
Nickel	3500-3620	3480-3485	12138	Bly Sldy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	98.50	98.50
Nov	100.30	98.60
Feb	95.50	95.50
Apr	97.30	97.30

Live Cattle Contract

Oct	94.70	94.70
Nov	96.00	96.00
Feb	—	—

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

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(£/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	74.69	187.08	92.79
GB (+/-)	-1.27	+2.52	-0.61
Eng/Wal (%)	+7.1	-8.4	-4.4
Eng/Wal (p)	74.89	187.07	92.82
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.27	-3.67	-1.14
Scotland (%)	n/a	-32.6	-23.8
Scotland (p)	n/a	159.81	94.12
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John Greenall: We were shocked when Oliver North was praised for being a good liar

The PR industry is expanding fast in spite of the image



John Greenall, formerly the Open University's public relations director, is a PR consultant. He is co-author of Public Relations Management in Colleges, Polytechnics and Universities (Heist Publications, £9.95), to be published on November 2

There is an odd irony about public relations. Its practitioners claim it to be a management art that will improve public understanding and goodwill for those organizations that practise it. Yet public relations itself is widely misunderstood, often regarded with suspicion and subject to a range of differing definitions, even by those who are professionals at it.

Robert Worcester, chairman of MORI, has demonstrated that the public attitude towards PR differs from the attitude towards other professions and industries. In general his surveys show that the better known an industry or organization becomes, the more highly is it regarded. With PR, however, the opposite has happened. As key groups such as industrial leaders, MPs, national editors and financial analysts, have become more familiar with it, the less highly they claim to regard it.

Recently PR people were shocked when one of their number in the United States suggested that Irangate's Oliver North was "a highly excellent PR guy" because he was a good liar. Such remarks rattle members of Britain's Institute of Public Relations, who subscribe to a code of conduct which includes the clause: "A member shall have a positive duty at all times to respect the truth and in this regard not to disseminate false or misleading information knowingly or recklessly and to use proper care to avoid doing so."

The misunderstandings about public relations are possibly best highlighted when, for example, a broadcasting station wonders whether the latest arms reduction offer from the Soviet leader is genuine or "just another public relations exercise".

Perhaps public confusion is due to the fact that PR can be viewed in two principal ways. There is "public relations absolute" and "public relations practical". The first of these is not confined to the expertise of those who are professionally trained in the art. It is a matter for all managers, indeed all staff, of an organization. It is the state of understanding and goodwill that exists between the organization and the various parts of society which can influence its fortunes — the local community, the planners, government departments, suppliers, customers, shareholders, employees etc.

In this sense it is not glib to describe every employee as a public relations officer. PR is affected by virtually everything that the firm does — the buildings it erects, the way it recruits staff, the attitude of its telephone operators, the behaviour of its lorry drivers, the statements of its chairman, the quality of its products, the environmental pollution it causes, the donations it makes to charities . . .

When tasks inside a firm become specialized, those who perform them can become blinkered to the effects of their actions on other parts of the organization. Because their actions may affect their employer's public relations there is a strong case that every management training programme should include sessions on PR.

The attempt is made to improve reputations

"Public relations practical" is the sense in which an organization deliberately and consciously undertakes activities to improve its reputation in society and to understand better the attitudes of the public towards it.

In the popular mind these activities are confined to obtaining press publicity but in reality the practitioner's canvas is very much broader. It includes opinion research, internal and external publications such as newsletters and magazines, factory visits, speakers' programmes, anniversary and other celebrations, exhibitions, conferences, sponsorship of arts, education, sport and other community interests, political liaison, visual identity, photography, audio and visual materials and corporate advertising as well as many other techniques.

The work of the public relations professional, whether in-house staff or external consultant, is twofold.

In respect of "public relations absolute" he or she is an adviser, ranging far beyond the confines of publicity-creation, warning when a proposed company policy will actually be or will be seen to be against the public interest; feeding back both favourable and unfavourable public views of the company; instigating the correction of internal faults; preparing management to cope with disasters or crises that might arise in the future; monitoring trends and issues that might one day support or hinder the progress of the company.

With regard to "public relations practical" the practitioner's job is to assess the company's present state, to recommend whether the house needs to be put in order first, and then to prepare a strategy and action plan.

Difficult to see why PR is not better regarded

Much of the action plan will deal with methods of improving communications, both internally and externally. Better communications are widely held to be a means of removing obstructions and obtaining co-operation. Since these are worthy goals for any organization it is difficult to appreciate why the popular image of PR should not be better.

Certainly the poor image has not deterred employers and clients. Throughout the 1980s the PR business has experienced a compound growth rate of 35 per cent a year, and several of the largest consultancies have annual billings running into millions of pounds. The expansion of business has, in fact, been so rapid that good quality staff are hard to recruit for both corporate and consultancy jobs.

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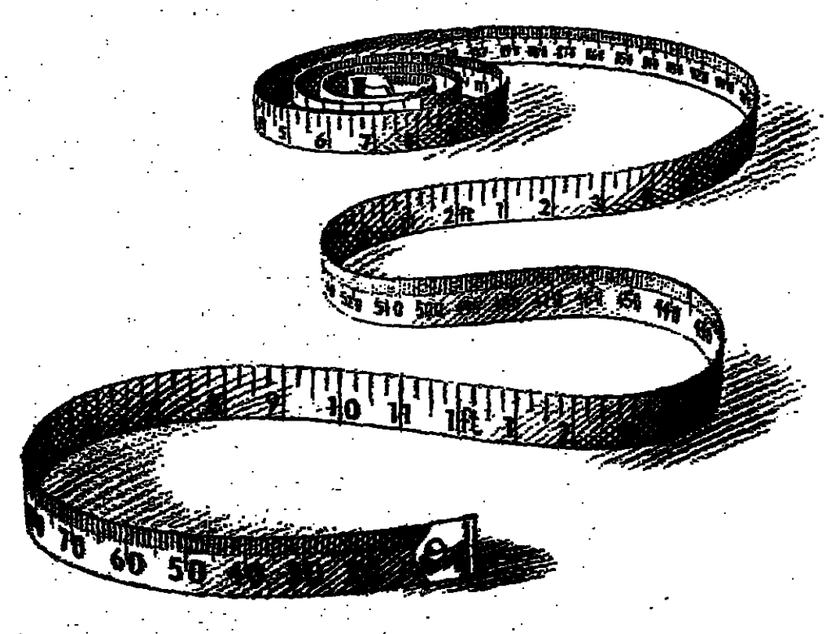
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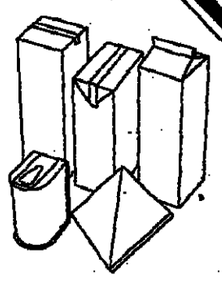
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TENNIS

Olympic aim for Lendl but only as a US citizen

From Richard Evans, Tokyo

A delicate piece of diplomacy is being attempted in order that Ivan Lendl may join the galaxy of top professionals who are expected to celebrate the return of tennis to the Olympic fold in Seoul next year.

Philippe Chatrier, the president of the International Tennis Federation, who has been the driving force behind the restoration of tennis as a medal sport, has announced that he anticipates most of the leading players, including Stefan Edberg and Steffi Graf, who won the unofficial gold medals at the Los Angeles Olympics, and Boris Becker, will be in Seoul. He acknowledges, though, that Lendl has special problems.

The world No. 1, who won his first round match in the Seiko Classic here today — beating Jonathan Canter 6-1, 6-4 — confirmed that he would like to play in the Olympics, but only under the American flag. "And, as you know, I do not have citizenship yet," Lendl said. "I reckon January 1 is the deadline. If it does not come through by then, I am told it will be too late. Maybe I'll get lucky. I have only had a green card since April, but I have had a home in the States for seven years, so maybe they will take that into consideration."

But if Tokyo turns out to be as near to Seoul as Lendl gets, it will not be for want of trying on the part of Chatrier — who has gained considerable political clout in recent years — and other leading supporters of the tennis movement, including the IOC president, Dr Juan Samaranch.

The Men's International Professional Tennis Council has already made Lendl a special case by reducing his 1988 commitment to the Nabisco grand prix to 12 tournaments, and Chatrier will be trying to persuade the US State Department to regard him in equally selective light.

However, Chatrier is well aware that he is treading in a political minefield. Talking in Barcelona recently, he expressed concern over the situation in Czechoslovakia: "With Martina Navratilova already having played Federation Cup for the States, the Czech federation is very anxious that Lendl does not end up playing Davis Cup for America as well.

"I understand that and I certainly would not like to see the Czech government become so embarrassed by the whole affair that they started cutting back on their excellent tennis programme."

RESULTS: First round: I Lendl (Cz) bt J Canter (US), 6-1, 6-4; B Becker (WG) bt J Grabb (US), 7-5, 7-5; E Jelen (WG) bt U Stenlund (Swe), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; D Keretic (WG) bt W Popp (WG), 6-1, 6-1.



Chasing gold: but only if Lendl is an American citizen in time to be considered for the team

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Leeds (7.0); Huddersfield v Sunderland.
FA VASE: First round: Corinthian v Hastings Town (at Grays FC).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Champions Cup (women): Second round, second leg: Avon Northampton v Vicenza (8.0).
BOXING: Tournament: London West Hotel, Fulham.
GOLF: Golf Plus PGA fourball championship (at John O'Gaunt); Woolmark WPGA match play championship (at Moor Park).
SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix (at Hexagon theatre, Reading).
TENNIS: Volvo Women's classic (at Brighton).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: World series: Games three and four between Minnesota champions of the American League and St. Louis, winners of the National League. C4: 6 p.m.
GYMNASTICS: World championships: Men's team final from Rotterdam. BBC1: 11 p.m.
SHOOTING: Daihatsu pro-celebrity championship: Final of the clay pigeon event from Littlecote, Berkshire. BBC2: 6.50 p.m.
SNOOKER AND RACING: Rothmans Grand Prix: Further coverage of the fifth round from the Hexagon theatre, Reading. 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races from Newbury. BBC2: 2.15-5 p.m.
SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix: The final fifth round matches from Reading. BBC2: 10.15 and 11.35 p.m.

RUGBY UNION

Shoulder rules out Matthews

By George Ace

Philip Matthews is out of the Ulster team that meets Munster at Ravenhill on Saturday. His place in the back row goes to Willie Duncan, of Malone.

Matthews suffered a recurrence of a shoulder injury he first sustained against France two seasons ago playing for Wanderers on Saturday and withdrew yesterday. "I must even be doubtful for the league match against Dublin University on Saturday week," he said. "My shoulder niggles when I am carrying out everyday things.

But there is better news regarding Colin Morrison, the Malone lock forward, who sustained a back injury against Instonians last weekend. J. B. Stevenson, the chairman of selectors, said yesterday: "Colin is more hopeful now of playing than he was initially."

FISHING

Anglers cast their vote for the NRA

By Conrad Voss Bark

The National Anglers' Council, representing more than three million fishermen, together with the Country Landowners' Association, with its 45,000 members, have said "boo" to efforts by Thames Water Authority to keep total control of water supplies when water is privatized.

The Government, the fishermen and the landowners want fishing, land drainage and environmental protection to be the responsibility of a public body, a National Rivers Authority (NRA) when profit-making companies take over providing water to the public and disposing of sewage.

Thames Water and some, though not all, water authorities are opposed to a split in responsibility for water and say that the proposed NRA will be a quango.

"Not so", says the Country Landowners' Association president, John Norris. "That's a red herring". Agreed, say the fishermen. They argue that we must have a public body to act as a watchdog over the environment if the proposed commercial water companies continue to behave as badly as the present water authorities in polluting rivers with sewage.

Tactfully not mentioning that Thames Water was itself fined for river pollution earlier this year, the National Anglers' Council has sent an 8,000-word document to Nicholas Ridley supporting the Government's plan for an NRA, providing it has enough power and money to do its job.

Opponents of the proposed NRA fear that commercial companies will be loath to take over water supplies if they are at risk of being prosecuted for pollution.

ORIENTEERING

Venues in disarray following storm

By a Special Correspondent

The flattening of trees in last Friday's storms has also partly demolished the sport of orienteering — at least in the south-east of England. Almost all events are conducted in wooded terrain, and last weekend organizers of forthcoming events were gloomily assessing the damage. Highly detailed maps which had taken hundreds of man-hours to prepare had in many cases been rendered unusable.

At Headley Heath on the North Downs an organizer reported: "Fallen trees mean that an area previously shown as 'fast run' is now impenetrable." With the prospect of clearing up a long way off, an event scheduled for January is likely to be cancelled.

But the most serious blow for the sport is the damage to Charlton Forest, near Chichester, which is the venue for next Easter's Jan Kjellstron International weekend — the biggest event in the orienteering calendar with 4,000 competitors, including an overseas contingent.

An assessment from the ground and from the air has shown parts of the forest completely flattened. "It's heartbreaking," Mike Elliot, chief mapper for the event, said. "Overall I would estimate that between 30 and 40 per cent of the trees are down."

Gary Strowbridge, organizer of the international weekend, said: "Obviously it's going to be very difficult to stage the event at Charlton. We don't have many options at this stage but we're examining all possibilities very urgently."

However the forest to be used for a relay event on the same weekend, at Longmoor, has suffered much less damage. Longmoor is just inside Hampshire's border with Surrey and is less than 20 miles to the north-west of Charlton Forest.

The storm, though, has certainly hit the south-east hard. Mr Elliot, who is also the region's fixtures secretary, said: "It looks as if half of our forests have suffered damage which will render them non-viable for badge-standard events in the immediate future, and it will probably be five years before our fixtures get back into synch."

Bracknell first

England's first Olympic-sized ice rink will be opened in Bracknell on November 1. The £6-million, 60m by 30m rink is part of the John Nike Leisuresport Complex, at Amen Corner, and took 20 months to build.

SPORTS LETTERS

Jockey Club were overruled

From the former Chairman of Newmarket Urban District Council

Sir, To say, as Simon Barnes did in his articles on "Newmarket — Capital of Racing", that the Jockey Club fought London overspill more or less single-handed and in the doing achieved a great victory is totally incorrect. The Jockey Club actively supported overspill.

Indeed the charter, which provided for a town expansion scheme under the Town Development Act 1952 (Overspill), was actually signed by its then senior steward, Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, on behalf of the Jockey Club. A year later a formal overspill agreement was concluded by the local authorities with the GLC. It provided for the erection of 900 council houses on the Brickfields Stud.

Recently arrived in Newmarket, I was at that very time elected to the Newmarket Urban District Council with the support of the Newmarket Society, an independent organization concerned with the well-being of the town. On that authority I was privileged to lead a group of just three councillors equally determined to prevent the implementation of overspill even at that eleventh hour, since by then it had become abundantly evident that ordinary people of Newmarket were totally opposed to what Big Brother was inflicting upon them.

At the next local elections every pro-overspill councillor seeking re-election was opposed and the people of Newmarket by their votes ensured that they were overwhelmingly rejected. Elevated overnight to the chairmanship of the council, I was able to negotiate with the GLC a mutual rescission of the overspill agreement. We then sold the land to Bovis Holdings. On the site — renamed Studlands Park — now stands an estate of houses occupied by fiercely proud private owners.

The case was unique in two respects. First, in no other instance had a GLC overspill agreement been cancelled. Secondly, never before had the Jockey Club been so decisively defeated.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH KEMP-TURNER,
Station Approach,
Newmarket, Suffolk.

Oxford pitch battle

From the Chairman of the Oxford Council for Sport and Recreation

Sir, Both the Oxford Council for Sport and Recreation and the Oxford Sporting Facilities Trust are heartened that "Oxford's Leisure Strategy for the 1990s", as presented to the Recreation and Amenities Committee on October 5, 1987, is designed to meet and provide the facilities by means of local authority input such that Oxford will "become the healthiest City in the United Kingdom by the year 2000".

It is to be hoped this implies that if and when funds are available more facilities will be provided, especially as Oxford, in spite of recent additions, is still poorly off for sporting and recreational amenities which clubs and members of the public can use.

However, the other side of the coin is not so helpful. Just looking at playing field facilities alone, we discover that in the last 10 years or so at least the following have been lost: Cowley Barracks pitches, Grove Crane's pitch, Morris Motors' many pitches off Hollow Way, together with Northway School and Oxford School's excellent provisions if the unbelievable move to Milham is enforced.

At present there seem to be no plans to replace any of these playing surfaces. The loss of these facilities places a much greater load on those remaining, such that many football and hockey clubs are limited in the number of matches they can play and, in spite of the demand, also prevents additional teams and new clubs being formed.

Recent history shows that these pitches are then used or designated for housing purposes because there is no other land available for this important social requirement.

How can local authorities claim that they are anxious to establish more sporting and recreational facilities when at the same time they have acquiesced with or played a part in the reduction of these assets?

This council and the trust are primarily concerned with sporting and recreational facilities and activities, together with a watchdog role, and do not wish to be embroiled in politics if it can be avoided. However, this "policy" does seem very strange to us because if sporting facilities are reduced to allow for more housing this must inevitably create a greater demand for more schools and their attendant playing fields, let alone the sporting and recreational facilities required for the resulting additional increase in the numbers of the general public.

No doubt the politicians will inform us where the cake is and how we can both have it and eat it? We await constructive responses.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN J. PEARCE-BOBY,
Chairman, Oxford Council for Sport and Recreation,
College Farm,
Bletchingdon, Oxon.

Famous omission

From Mr S. Nelson

Sir, In his commentary (October 16) David Miller refers to the famous teams of the Football League in its early days and singles out Tottenham Hotspur "in the new century".

Surely the outstanding team of the first decade of this century was Newcastle United, League champions on three occasions and Cup finalists five times, winning twice.

Yours faithfully,
S. NELSON,
34 Acacia Close,
Stanmore, Middlesex.

Chancery Division

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Court of Appeal

Purchaser loses deposit on land

McGrath v Shah

Before Mr John Chadwick, QC

[Judgment October 13]

A purchaser of land could not escape the forfeiture of his deposit by the vendor on the purchaser's failure to complete by maintaining that at the time the notice to complete was served the purchaser claimed to have been in a position to rescind the contract for misrepresentation and the notice was accordingly invalid.

The Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 had no application to a condition in a formal contract for the sale of land which limited the provisions of the contract to those contained therein.

Mr John Chadwick, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, so held in the Chancery Division on a motion by James Andrew McGrath and Rita Ann McGrath granting an order that the caution registered on behalf of Jayant Shah and Pratima Shah against title No MX54200 at the Land Registry be vacated.

Mr James Behrens for the plaintiff vendors: Mr Patrick Eyre for the defendant purchasers.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiffs, who were engaged in the business of purchasing, renovating and selling residential property, put a substantial dwelling house on the market at £350,000. Major works of renovation had been carried out although in some minor respects the renovation was not fully complete.

The defendants visited the property on a number of occasions and had their offer of £345,000 accepted on the basis that contracts would be exchanged shortly. But the deadline for exchange of contracts passed with no exchange taking place and the plaintiffs, assuming that the defendants were no longer interested, put the property back on the market.

Three weeks later the defendants' interest revived and contracts were exchanged on June 18, 1987 with a completion date fixed for July 23 and a 5 per cent deposit of £17,250 paid by the purchasers.

July 23 passed without completion and on July 24 the vendors' solicitors gave a notice to complete pursuant to condition 22 of the National Conditions of Sale (20th edition) which was incorporated into the contract.

The time for compliance with the notice to complete expired on August 12. Between July 24 and August 6 the purchasers' solicitor wrote to the vendors' solicitor on several occasions acknowledging that the notice to complete expired on August 12 and raising various points about the renovation which would need to be attended to before completion on topics such as vinyl tiles in the cloakroom, missing external lights and net curtains which were provided for in the contract. There was no suggestion that those matters were such as to render the service of the notice to complete invalid.

On August 7 the purchasers' solicitor wrote complaining that alterations to the loft necessitated by the insertion of a fire resistant partition in order to comply with building regulations and carried out since the purchasers had originally viewed the property substantially reduced the size of the proposed attic playroom.

That, it was said, constituted a misrepresentation since it was implied that the house had not altered since the purchasers had viewed it and consequently the purchasers would not proceed with the purchase.

August 12 passed without completion and on August 13 the vendors served a formal notice purporting to rescind the contract and forfeit the deposit.

A few days later the purchasers' solicitor registered a caution at the Land Registry. The notice of motion sought an order that the caution be vacated until trial or further order.

Mr Eyre argued that a serious misrepresentation had been made by the vendors prior to June 18 that would have entitled the purchasers to rescind the contract prior to completion. Therefore the vendors were not entitled to serve a notice to complete.

For that proposition he relied on *dicta* of Mr Justice Dillon in *Walker v Boyle* ([1982] 1 WLR 495, 502-3). In his Lordship's judgment, those *dicta* had to be read in the context of the facts before Mr Justice Dillon.

In that case, by the time the vendor served the notice to complete, the purchaser had already rescinded the contract on the ground of the vendor's misrepresentation and had issued proceedings for the return of the deposit. As the judge found that the purchaser had been entitled so to do, there was no longer a contract in existence by the time the notice to complete was served.

Accordingly, there was nothing in that case supporting the proposition urged by Mr Eyre, namely, that whenever the circumstances were such that a plaintiff might be entitled to rescind, then the vendor was disentitled to serve a notice to complete. The vendors were entitled to rely on condition 22 and serve a notice to complete at any time the contract had not in fact been rescinded.

Mr Eyre's second argument was that certain statements made by the vendors before June 18 became contractual terms with which they were no longer willing or able to comply and they were therefore unable to serve a valid notice to complete.

The statements were, first, that the property would include a playroom on the attic floor 40ft long and, second, that the property would be sold with a built-in oven and hob.

The insuperable obstacle to that argument was the first sentence of condition 9 of the contract which provided: "This contract constitutes the entire contract between the parties and may be varied (whether by way of collateral contract or otherwise) only in writing under the hands of the parties or their solicitor".

One could see at once why such a provision was sensible. Since all material terms of a contract had to be evidenced in writing to satisfy section 40 of the Law of Property Act 1925, it was highly undesirable to have any scope for argument as to whether the written terms were incomplete or ought to be supplemented by other oral terms.

Mr Eyre was consequently driven to saying that the first sentence of condition 9 could be disregarded on account of section 8(1) of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977: see *Walker v Boyle* ([1982] 1 WLR 495, 507). But that section concerned misrepresentation and was not apt to cover a contractual provision seeking to define where the contractual terms were to be found.

But if his Lordship was wrong on that, he thought the condition was far from being unfair or unreasonable as required by section 11 of the 1977 Act.

Such a condition was eminently fair and reasonable in a contract for the sale of land as it thereby attempted to avoid the many problems that would arise under section 40 of the 1925 Act in the absence of such a term.

Accordingly the vendors were entitled to forfeit the deposit on the purchasers' failure to complete.

Solicitors: Israel Strange & Conlon; W. P. Duckney, Southall.

Access rights were not preserved

M. R. A. Engineering Ltd v Trimster Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment October 20]

On the sale of land, although there might have been rights of access granted to an existing tenant, those rights did not pass under section 62 of the Law of Property Act 1925 after the surrender of the tenant's lease if there was no express reservation in the conveyance of the freehold.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Trimster Co Ltd, the defendants, from a declaration by Judge Allen at Reigate County Court on January 2, 1986 that M. R. A. Engineering Ltd, the plaintiffs, had a right of way over land to and from Portland Road, Dorking, for 90 years from 1967.

Section 62(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925 provides: "A conveyance of land . . . shall be deemed to include easements, rights . . . appertaining . . . to the land, at the time of the conveyance . . . appurtenant to the land . . .".

Mr Richard De Lacy for Trimster; Mr Richard J. Merrett for M. R. A. Engineering.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said the declaration gave M. R. A. a right of way to and from Portland Road, Dorking, over certain property referred to as "green land" [on the plan] for the benefit of property known as "red land".

M. R. A. purchased both the red and the green land in 1967. The red land had no direct access to any road and was situated behind the green land.

At the time of M. R. A.'s purchase of the land the red land was occupied by a Mr Shaw.

M. R. A. granted him a determinable lease for 90 years and in the lease M. R. A. granted him rights of access over the green land.

In 1975 M. R. A. sold the green land to Trimster. The sale was subject to the rights granted to Mr Shaw.

The transfer of the green land contained no express reservation to M. R. A. The contract of sale provided Trimster with an option to purchase the red land in circumstances including Mr Shaw surrendering the lease, which he did in 1982.

Trimster wished to exercise the option but a dispute arose as to the value of the land which depended on whether the red land carried any right of way over the green land.

M. R. A. applied to the county court for a declaration that there was such a right.

Judge Allen concluded that M. R. A. were entitled to a right of way for 90 years from 1967. Trimster appealed.

His Lordship found that counsel for M. R. A. had rightly not sought to support the judge's conclusion and so all the argument in the appeal related to points in the respondent's notice.

Counsel for M. R. A. sought to argue that the right of way enjoyed by Mr Shaw had passed as an appurtenance to the red land under section 62 of the Law of Property Act 1925.

However, his Lordship found that since there was no reservation in the conveyance of the green land, M. R. A., as vendors of the red land, had no power to grant to third parties any perpetual easement over the green land.

There could be no basis for saying that M. R. A. could have granted any easement over the green land after the surrender of Mr Shaw's lease.

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Bingham agreed.

Solicitors: Tuck & Mann & Geffen for Tuck & Mann, Dorking; Parnall Finn Langsford & Busby, Launceston.

Caution cannot protect additional sum

Woolf Project Management Ltd v Woodtrek Ltd

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies

[Judgment October 16]

Where a condition in a contract for the sale of land provided that the purchaser should pay to the vendor, on top of the purchase price, an additional sum if the purchaser subsequently developed the property, that sum was not an element of the purchase price which, while it remained unpaid, could be protected by the registration of a caution.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on a motion by the plaintiff, Woolf Project Management Ltd, for the removal of a caution registered on June 6, 1985 by the defendant, Woodtrek Ltd, at the Land Registry against the plaintiff's registered title No 163257 to property known as 12 Lindfield Gardens, Hampstead, London.

Mr Richard Harper for the plaintiff purchaser; Mr Edward Cohen for the defendant vendor.

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES said that Woolf was the purchaser of 12 Lindfield Gardens and sought the removal of a caution registered by Woodtrek, the vendor, to protect its claim to a sum provided for in the contract and as yet unpaid which, it was alleged, constituted part of the purchase price although payable in the future.

The liability on the purchaser to pay the sum arose under special conditions in the contract of sale which provided: "J. If the purchaser proceeds with the development in accordance with the existing planning permission for two garden flats at the rear of the property the purchaser shall pay to the vendor an additional sum equal to 50 per cent of the amount by which the consideration for the sale of the two garden flats on 99-year leases exceeds either (a) £400,000 ("the sum") or (b) in the event that the purchaser's construction costs exceed £120,000 the sum plus the amount of the excess over £120,000 . . .

"N. Should the vendor secure vacant possession of the property within six months from the date of completion and should planning consent for the construction of 12 flats at the property without any unduly onerous conditions attached thereto be obtained by the purchaser then the purchaser shall pay to the vendor 15 per cent of the development profit."

It was argued that "an additional sum" meant an addition to the purchase price, so that a sum payable under the condition was part of the purchase price and capable of protection by caution.

His Lordship did not construe the condition as having that effect. When the purchase was completed the purchaser was free to seek or not to seek to proceed with the development.

If it were to do so, then some further money might become payable to the vendor. But if it were not to do so, nothing would be payable.

A condition J payment, if emerging, was a sum "additional" to the purchase price in the sense that as well as the purchase price there was to be paid in addition a separate sum derived from any successful operation of the condition.

The conditions contained separate agreements giving rise to the possibility of the purchaser being contractually indebted (irrespective of the purchase price) to the vendor in the event of the purchaser engaging, if so minded, in certain defined development activities.

Accordingly, as the payments contained in the conditions did not constitute part of the unpaid purchase price, the vendor's interest was not such as could be protected by caution and an order vacating the caution would be granted.

Solicitors: Masons; Oliver O. Fisher & Co, West Kensington.

Justices acted beyond jurisdiction

Regina v St Helens Justices, Ex parte Critchley

Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment October 14]

Where a defendant triable either way had elected summary trial, the justices had consented and he had pleaded not guilty, the justices had no jurisdiction to commit him for trial on a later date under section 25(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 without having first begun to hear the evidence on the summary trial.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an order of prohibition to restrain the St Helens Justices from committing the defendant, Shaun Critchley, for trial and issuing an order of *mandamus* requiring them to continue to hear the case summarily subject to the exercise of their discretion under section 25(2) of the 1980 Act to commit.

Section 25(2) of the 1980 Act provides: "Where the court has . . . begun to try the information summarily, the court may, at any time before the conclusion of the evidence for the prosecution, discontinue the summary trial and proceed to inquire into the information as examining justices."

Mr James P. Byrne for the defendant; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said the defendant had been charged with offences triable either way and after having been given a brief indication of the case the justices had considered it triable summarily. The defendant consented on being put to his election and pleaded not guilty. On adjournment, however, further charges were put to him arising out of the same series of events.

The magistrates then acceded to the prosecution request to commit the defendant on all the charges to the crown court for trial.

The defendant now submitted that the justices had no power to commit him for the initial charges where the mode of trial had already been elected, except pursuant to statute, and section 25(2) of the 1980 Act had not been satisfied.

His Lordship said that the House of Lords case of *R v Dudley Justices, Ex parte Gillard* ([1986] AC 442) established that where justices had expressed willingness to try that case summarily and the defendant agreed and pleaded guilty the justices could not then switch role to examining justices and commit for trial.

However, in his Lordship's view, the decision of the Divisional Court in *R v Southend Justices, Ex parte Wood* (*The Times* March 8, 1986) was more analogous. There, the defendant had elected summary trial and, it appeared, without having pleaded had, on adjournment, other charges preferred. The justices decided to commit and it was held that was something they could not do under section 25(2) as they had not begun to try the information summarily.

The justices could, having begun to hear the summary trial, commit the defendant for trial if they thought in their discretion fit. There was no escape from the technical language of the section.

In the present case it was impossible to suggest the justices had begun to try the information. All they had done was put the matter over for trial. Accordingly the appellant was entitled to his order.

Mr Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co for J. Keith Park & Co, St Helens.

Prisoner's statement of opinion

Regina v Board of Visitors of Thorp Arch Prison, Ex parte De Houghton

Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment October 16]

A prisoner could not be guilty of the offence of making false and malicious allegations against a prison officer, contrary to rule 47(12) of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) if he had merely made a statement of opinion or used insulting language, as the rule was directed towards allegations of fact.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application for judicial review by Sacheverell De Houghton and making an order of *certiorari* to quash a finding of the Board of Visitors of Thorp Arch Prison that the applicant was guilty of an offence under rule 47(12).

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Nigel Pleming for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM, giving the judgment of the court, said that the charge arose out of a letter to the governor, written by the applicant, complaining of the behaviour of a prison officer who had escorted him to hospital.

At the disciplinary hearing the applicant, who was represented by counsel, relied on the defence that the charge as laid involved a statement of opinion not an allegation of fact. The board found the offence proved and the applicant lost 14 days remission.

The court accepted that as a breach of the Prison Rules resulted in loss of remission they should be construed strictly, so as to resolve ambiguities in favour of a prisoner: see *R v Board of Visitors of Highpoint Prison, Ex parte McConkey* (*The Times* September 23, 1982).

The language of rule 47(12) was directed at the making of false and malicious factual accusations and was not concerned with comment, abuse and opinion. It related to accusations which within the laws of libel would need to be defended as true.

The court accepted the applicant's submission that the charge as framed did not charge the applicant with making a factual allegation but stating an opinion based on true facts. The onus was on the prosecution to make clear what false and malicious factual allegation was objected to and the charge did not do that. The accusation could not be either true or false and was not within rule 47(12).

Solicitors: Greenland Houchen, Watton; Treasury Solicitor.



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Zelphi to excel in testing conditions

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

On ground which is bound to be testing in the extreme, ZELPHI is fancied to win the Matchmaker Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury this afternoon.

Jeremy Tree's colt encountered similar conditions in the Sandwich Stakes at Ascot in July and ran out a two-length winner from Defence Policy.

Zelphi then contested the listed Washington Singer Stakes on today's course in August and was beaten three-quarters of a lengths by Emmson.

Any disappointment that his connections felt must surely have evaporated when Emmson ran so well next time to finish fourth in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot where he was beaten only a length and a half by the winner, Sanquirico.

The other significant point about the Newbury form, as far as today's race is concerned, was Lapierre's run in third place, five lengths behind Zelphi.

Earlier in the season Lapierre had finished only half a length behind Western Gun in the July Stakes at Newmarket where they were both beaten three lengths by Sanquirico. That suggests Western Gun should not beat Zelphi this afternoon.

Harp Islet also encountered heavy going when he won at York earlier this month. But he has yet to win over today's distance and, on this ground, he may well find the concession of as little as 3lb to Zelphi beyond him.

Young Hal is an unknown quantity both over the distance and on the ground. Significantly, though, he was declared for last Friday's abandoned Dewhurst Stakes. Peter Walwyn's colt, together with Glacial Storm and Minster Son, look the pick of the remainder.

The latter, who has won on the course, was clearly up against something a little out of the ordinary when he was later beaten at Kempton by the subsequent Houghton Stakes winner, Carmelite House, whose name is now on many a lip for next year's 2,000 Guineas.

In the prevailing conditions, John Reid, who is enjoying his best season, can win two of the supporting races on STAR OF A GUNNER (4.0) and AIM TO PLEASE (4.30). Both, incidentally, are by the same stallion, Gunner B.

No horse likes to get his toe into the ground more than Star Of A Gunner who is my selection for the Letcombe Handicap.

However, Aim To Please, is my nap to win the Great Western Handicap, even with top weight. The going was almost identical when she ran away with the Coral Autumn Cup over the same course and distance four weeks ago.

While conceding that the handicapper has taken due notice of that performance, her ability to cope with the conditions could easily turn out to be the deciding factor.

Also it is pertinent to remark that her task this afternoon looks easier than her intended objective at Newmarket last Friday which became a victim of that atrocious weather.

SINGING PARTNER, my selection for the Hogg Robinson Handicap, will be sold by her owners, Captain and Mrs Mark Smyly, later this year. So, she has all to gain for them this afternoon.

On similar ground, she was expected to give a really good account of herself in the Bovis Handicap at Ascot earlier this month but sadly that card was also lost to the weather.

With the good young apprentice, Philip Barnard, claiming 7lb, so reducing her weight to 8st 8lb, Singing Partner has the ability to beat Inscription, Coppermill Lad and Derwent Valley, judged on her best form at Doncaster, York and Ascot.

Finally, RAINBOW LAD (4.30) looks the best bet at Taunton now that Martin Pipe, her trainer, has obviously got her right again.



Linda Mellor, elder daughter of Stan and Elain Mellor, is following the example of her sister, Dana, by pursuing a dual career in law and racing. Linda, aged 23, has transferred from the University of Kent to University of Lancaster in order to ride in amateur races for Jack Berry. Dana, 21, graduated from Lancaster in May but opted to put her law career on ice and has ridden seven winners since turning professional, five of them in non-apprentice races. With four earlier amateur successes to her credit, she now needs only one more open-race winner to have her 7lb claim reduced. Linda has already had half a dozen rides in amateur events with her best placing being a close fourth on Ken Ivory's Elegant Isle in the Holsten For Ladies Stakes at Doncaster on St Leger day. Dana (standing) and Linda are pictured at Berry's Cockerham stables with Arquati Redwood (left) and What If. (Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Working Model.
2.30 Singing Partner.
3.00 Zelphi.
3.30 Noble Haven.
4.00 Star Of A Gunner.
4.30 AIM TO PLEASE (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 PICKLED (nap).
2.30 Munadhil.
3.00 Harp Islet.
3.30 Highly Decorated.
4.00 Bold Crusader.
4.30 Manjaniq.

By Michael Seely

2.30 DERWENT VALLEY (nap). 3.00 Minster Son. 4.00 Highest Praise.

Going: heavy **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 READING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,587: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

103	(4)		BY LINE (Baron T Van Zuylen) H Thomson Jones 8-11	P D'Arcy	—
104	(9)	304	CELTIC RING 21 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-11	A Clark	90
105	(15)	0000	COOL COMMENT 9 (Mrs J Kovig) M Francis 8-11	J Williams	64
106	(12)	60-00	GRANNY TAKESA TRIP 24 (T Wood) Mrs N Smith 8-11	N Carlisle	—
111	(5)	00	KITE'S NEST 35 (Brig M Gordon-Watson) D Elsworth 8-11	D Brown	—
114	(8)	00-432	LUCKY PICK 77 (B,BF) (Sir M Sobell) W Ham 8-11	S Proctor	72
115	(13)	06	MADELEINE 29 (R Dilley) R Akehurst 8-11		—
117	(3)	00322	PICKLED 12 (B) (R Troisel (on) S Hanbury 8-11	M Rimmer	77
118	(14)	0-0000	QUICK RIPOSTE 23 (A Cosby) G Balding 8-11	S Raymont	—
120	(6)	0000	SHARP RESPONSE 44 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	R Street	61
121	(2)		SHIKABELL (L Wadge) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	—
122	(1)	00030	SUNFLEET 27 (Greenland Park Ltd) R Williams 8-11	R Fox	57
123	(11)	223203	TEGANA 20,(V) (Lord Clinton) P Walwyn 8-11	N Howe	73
124	(7)		TRECAULDAN (Marriott Stables Ltd) R Williams 8-11	W Kettle	—
127	(10)	0-240	WORKING MODEL 28 (Binfield Manor Farms) P Cole 8-11	D Atkinson	99

BETTING: 5-2 Celtic Ring, 3-1 Working Model, 5-1 Lucky Pick, 8-1 Pickled, Tecana, 10-1 Cool Comment, Sunfleet, 12-1 others.

1986: CYNOMIS 8-11 A Kimberley (15-2) W Hastings-Bass 22 ran

FORM CELTIC RING, first run since May, never-nearer 4¾l 4th (8-5) to Lockton (8-4) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £7609, good to firm, Oct 1, 8 ran). Steps down in class.
LUCKY PICK (8-5) 2l 2nd to Rolling Dynasty (8-8) at Brighton (1m 4f, £958, firm, Aug 6, 8 ran).
PICKLED 2½l 2nd (8-11) to Cairo Bay (8-11) at York (1m 1f, £3875, soft, Oct 10, 10 ran).
TECANA has been placed in five of her eight starts this year, most recently 3½l 3rd (8-11) to Top Secret (8-11) at Haydock (1m 2f, £1756, good to soft, Oct 2, 12 ran).
WORKING MODEL has run in good company this season; disappointed in group three race at Evry last month but has sound claims on 2f Kempton 2nd (8-5) to Interval (8-9) (1m, £8064, good, Apr 18, 7 ran).
Selection: WORKING MODEL

2.30 HOGG ROBINSON HANDICAP (£5,064: 5f) (18 runners) BBC 2

201	(3)	130001	HILTON BROWN 39 (D,F,G,S) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 8-9-12	W R Swinburn	87
202	(4)	001600	WHIPPET 7 (D,F,G) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-8-9	T Ives	94
203	(7)	400121	INSCRIPTION 8 (D,S) (Mrs P Harris) H Cecil 8-8-8 (5ex)	S Cauthen	87
205	(5)	101400	PADRE PIO 5 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Ward) D Arbuthnot 8-8-5	G Starkey	95
207	(17)	200220	MAKE OR MAR 21 (CD,F) (Mrs G Smith) R Smyth 8-8-3	S Whitworth	91
208	(9)	032000	SHADES OF NIGHT 5 (D,F,S) (P Nurse) J Winter 8-8-1	C Asmussen	88
209	(15)	130143	SINGING PARTNER 27 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Smyly) M Smyly 8-8-1	P Barnard (7)	88
213	(11)	000010	COPPERMILL LAD 24 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Sargood) J Holt 8-8-7	N Adams	92
214	(10)	400010	SPACEMAKER BOY 6 (D,F,G,S) (T Drake) R Thompson 7-8-7 (5ex)		86
215	(16)	043000	TOP AND TAIL 10 (V,D,G) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 8-8-6	G Baldwin (5)	88
216	(2)	001140	LOFT BOY 16 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) N Vigors 8-8-6	P Cook	90
217	(6)	130102	DERWENT VALLEY 8 (C,F,S) (D Buchanan) R Hannon 8-8-4	Pat Eddery	98
218	(18)	003003	DUCK FLIGHT 9 (D,G,S) (R Dunsdon) J Douglas-Home 8-8-4	R Cochrane	86
219	(6)	9-23130	MUNADHIL 12 (BF,S) (W Higgins) W Haggas 3-8-0	R Hills	99
220	(1)	202463	PENDOR DANCER 15 (V,D,F,G) (W Pattenson) J Berry 4-8-0	Dana Mellor (7)	93
221	(13)	300000	BLAZING HIGH 29 (K Seow) R Hutchinson 3-7-11	T Williams	97
222	(12)	0000/3	MO BEATING HARTS 19 (D,F,S) (T Hart) M McCormack 4-7-8	C Rutter	89
223	(14)	6-00000	LADY CARA 29 (D,F,G,S) (D O'Brien) H O'Neill 7-7-7	S Dawson	87

BETTING: 7-2 Inscription, 5-1 Derwent Valley, 7-1 Munadhil, 8-1 Hilton Brown, 10-1 Loft Boy, Make Or Mar, 12-1 Pendor Dancer, Padre Pio, 14-1 Spacemaker Boy, 16-1 others.

1986: BONNY LIGHT 3-8-12 A Shoults (14-1) R Sheather 16 ran

FORM PADRE PIO below form since (8-12) beating Ali Is Forgiven (8-0) a neck with HILTON BROWN (9-6) 9¾l 7th and COPPERMILL LAD (7-10) another 1¾l 11th at Nottingham (5f, £5309, good to firm, Aug 10, 13 ran).
WHIPPET, out of his depth for much of the season, put up best effort when (8-10) just over 2l 4th to Tenue de Soiree at Chantilly (Group III, £20122, good, 10 ran) in June.
INSCRIPTION, improving, comfortably accounted for Native Charm (9-4) by 3l at Haydock (5f, £3116, heavy, Oct 14, 8 ran).
LOFT BOY ran below form last time; previously at Sandown (5f, £3569, good, Sept 25, 13 ran) (8-11) beat MAKE OR MAR (8-6) ½l with LADY CARA (8-3) 2½l 5th, and SPACEMAKER BOY (8-13) and TOP AND TAIL (9-5) in rear.
COPPERMILL LAD, suited by soft ground, (8-4) 1l winner from PENDOR DANCER (7-11) at Goodwood (5f, £5831, soft, Sept 12, 8 ran).
SPACEMAKER BOY had stiff task under 10-6 last time; previously (8-5) overcame poor draw to beat Sid Captain (9-2) 1½l at Pontefract (5f, £5673, good to soft, Oct 12, 15 ran) with NO BEATING HARTS (8-4) 1½l 3rd, TOP AND TAIL (9-1) another 1¼l 8th and LOFT BOY (9-2) 8th.
Selection: INSCRIPTION

3.0 MATCHMAKER HORRIS HILL STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £30,834: 7f 60yd rnd) (11 runners) BBC 2

302	(6)	211	HARP ISLET 12 (G,S) (A Clore) L Cumani 9-1	R Cochrane	97
303	(11)	0	AMPHOTERIC VENTURE 47 (Venture Chemicals Ltd) R Akehurst 8-12	W Newnes	—
304	(4)	3143	DARWEESH 41 (S) (A Mutawa) K Brassey 8-12	T Ives	85
305	(1)	48	EXPOUND 54 (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 8-12	T Quinn	86
306	(9)	021030	GALITZIN 28 (D) (C Elliot) C Brittain 8-12	M Roberts	91
307	(5)	3	GLACIAL STORM 43 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-12	C Asmussen	81
308	(10)	12	MINSTER SON 47 (C,BF,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Ham 8-12	W Carson	93
310	(7)	4122	TOLO 51 (F) (Capt M Lemos) G Lewis 8-12	G Starkey	91
312	(5)	01121	WESTERN GUN 23 (G) (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 8-12	S Cauthen	98
313	(3)	11	YOUNG HAL 36 (G,S) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 8-12	N Howe	92
314	(2)	3212	ZELPHI 69 (S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-12	Pat Eddery	88

BETTING: 5-2 Zelphi, 11-4 Harp Islet, 4-1 Young Hal, 6-1 Western Gun, 7-1 Glacial Storm, 10-1 Minster Son, 12-1 Tolo, 14-1 Darweesh, 16-1 Galitzin, 20-1 others.

1986: NAHEEZ 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-2) D Elsworth 7 ran

FORM HARP ISLET (8-12) beat Golden Garter (8-12) 3l at York (Listed, 6f, £7604, heavy, Oct 10, 8 ran).
DARWEESH (8-11) 2½l 3rd of 6 to Church Lyric (8-11) at Goodwood (Listed, 1m, £7999, good, Sept 11, 6 ran).
GALITZIN (8-11) best on penultimate start at Sandown (Group III, 7f, £17510, firm, Aug 21, 4 ran) when 3½l 3rd to Sanquirico (9-0).
GLACIAL STORM (8-7) 3½l 3rd to Vaguely Hidden (8-7) at Doncaster (7f, £6033, good, Sept 9, 16 ran). Likely to improve.
MINSTER SON (9-4) 2½l 2nd to useful Carmelite House (8-11) at Kempton (7f, £5195, soft, Sept 5, 15 ran) with AMPHOTERIC VENTURE (8-11) behind.
WESTERN GUN, an easy winner of three races at Goodwood, best judged (8-10) on a 3l 2nd to Sanquirico (8-10) at Newmarket (Group III, 6f, £23994, good to firm, July 8, 7 ran). Yet to race on soft.
YOUNG HAL (9-4) impressed when winning from modest opposition at Ayr last time (6f, £2875, good to soft, Sept 18, 9 ran) beating Diva Girl (8-6) 6l.
ZELPHI won on heavy at Ascot last time (9-0) improved to finish ½l 2nd to Emmson (9-0) here (Listed, 7f, £7258, good to firm, Aug 14).
Selection: HARP ISLET

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESPORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... S West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 EBF THEALE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,412: 6f) (22 runners) BBC 2

402	(18)	00	AWA'EYE 15 (Lord McAlpine) R Smyth 9-0	S Whitworth	—
403	(14)		BASIC TRUTH (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	S Raymont	—
405	(17)	0	BOURBON AND WATER 15 (Mrs W Wallace) P Walwyn 9-0	R Cochrane	—
406	(7)	0	CANON'S COURT 15 (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 9-0	N Adams	—
407	(2)	0	CHASE THE DOOR 20 (C Dodson) J Sutcliffe 9-0	Dale Gibson (7)	—
408	(21)		DIVINE PET (Mrs R Rawlon) W Wightman 9-0	J Williams	—
410	(22)		EMPIRE JOY (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 9-0	G Asmussen	—
411	(19)		FAIRWAY ROYALE (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 9-0	J Reid	—
412	(20)		FULL BACK (D Gibson) P Makin 9-0	T Quinn	—
418	(8)		HIGHLY DECORATED (J Rowles) W Jarvis 9-0	S Raymont	—
420	(9)	00	MORE MANNERS 14 (J Stafford) R Holder 9-0	A Dicks	—
422	(12)		PETAVIOUS (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
423	(11)		QUIP (The Queen) W Ham 9-0	W Carson	—
424	(10)	00	REED 15 (Mrs R Hambro) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe	—
430	(4)	0	TOAD ALONG 15 (N Stafford) D Elsworth 9-0	S Cauthen	—
432	(15)		BLUE ARIA (D Allen) I Balding 8-9	J Matthias	—
434	(5)		DOMINION PEARL (J Jennings) I Balding 8-9	T Ives	—
435	(6)		FETOON (Sheikh Ahmad Al Maktoum) I Balding 8-9	P Cook	—
436	(13)		GAMBLE ON (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-9	A Clark	—
442	(3)	0	NOBLE HAVEN 33 (Miss G Abbey) J Winter 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
443	(1)	0	ROCKALONG 24 (Mrs O Lusty) J Fox 8-9	R Fox	—
447	(16)		VISITRONIC (W Eve) G Lewis 8-9	G Baxter	—

BETTING: 7-2 Petavious, 4-1 Quip, 5-1 Dominion Pearl, 7-1 Basic Truth, 8-1 Toad Along, 10-1 Noble Haven, 12-1 Gamble On, Bourbon And Water, 14-1 Fetoon, 16-1 Reed, 20-1 others.

1986: GAME THATCHER 9-0 B Rouse (12-1) R Hannon 27 ran

4.0 LETCOMBE HANDICAP (£5,438: 1m str) (25 runners) BBC 2

501	(12)	211011	SINGLE 28 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Lassley) W Wightman 5-10-0	Pat Eddery	99
502	(24)	13410-0	AITCH N'BEE 194 (D,G,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 4-9-11	W Carson	86
503	(9)	004009	STAR OF A GUNNER 26 (CD,F,G,S) (J Neville) R Holder 7-9-10	J Reid	97
504	(16)	419000	FIRST OF ALL 54 (D,F,S) (A Ellson) L Cumani 3-9-8	R Cochrane	97
505	(3)	103941	HIGHEST PRAISE 12 (C,F,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-6 (5ex)	T Ives	94
508	(5)	00F018	SAILOR'S SONG 15 (D,F,G,S) (Introgrop Holdings Ltd) N Vigors 5-9-6	S Cauthen	95
510	(19)	202104	BOLD CRUSADER 36 (D,S) (R Clifford-Turner) M Stoute 3-9-4	W R Swinburn	95
511	(25)	693336	OLORE MALLE 51 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 3-9-1	B Rouse	94
518	(20)	0-410	CUVEE CHARLIE 118 (D,S) (R Davies) H Collingridge 3-9-0	M Rimmer	89
514	(2)	210-000	FORWARD RALLY 19 (F,G,S) (Capt J M-Buchanan) M Prescott 5-9-0	G Duffield	95
515	(1)	0000-00	KING OF SPADES 176 (F,S) (H Brisac) G Balding 4-8-13	P Cook	86
516	(5)	434044	SAFFRON LIGHT 19 (F) (Mrs H McCalmont) P Walwyn 3-8-13	C Asmussen	96
517	(17)	030140	EURODOLLAR 14 (D,S) (K Khan) L Holt 3-8-13	N Adams	92
527	(13)	3-0002	WHIRLING WORDS 59 (D,F) (Mrs R Fitch) P Makin 4-8-8	T Quinn	93
530	(10)	10340-0	GURTEEN BOY 208 (C,F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 5-8-7	A McGlone	91
531	(23)	0-40122	RANKSTREET 14 (BF,S) (Mrs L Buckarfield) S Christian 3-8-7	W Newnes	98
535	(15)	100300	PRINCE MERANDI 14 (D,G,S) (Merandi Bloodstock Ltd) M Francis 4-8-4	C Rutter	84
536	(15)	101130	BRADMAN 24 (B,D,BF,G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 3-8-3	G Carter	96
539	(21)	3-03406	DUELLING 98 (V,D,F,S) (C Holmes) C Holmes 5-7-13	M Roberts	94
544	(22)	020000	FOOTSTOOL 5 (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 4-7-10	T Williams	97
546	(11)	4230001	WYKEHAMIST 14 (S) (J Bugler) C Benstead 4-7-9 (5ex)	D McKay	92
548	(4)	022130	JAMIE-O 16 (V,D,G,S) (Mrs J McFadden) M Ryan 4-7-8	G Baldwin (5)	97
551	(7)	3-00301	CROWN JUSTICE 31 (S,G,S) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 3-7-7	NON-RUNNER	—
552	(8)	003-200	ON WATER 152 (L Tregaskes) Mrs N Smith 4-7-7	N Carlisle	95
553	(14)	00-0005	MR KEWMILL 2 (D,G) (H Price) H Beasley 4-7-7		—

BETTING: 5-1 Single, 6-1 Ranksstreet, 7-1 Bold Crusader, 8-1 Star Of A Gunner, 10-1 Highest Praise, Sailor's Song, 12-1 Saffron Light, Wykehamist, Bradman, 14-1 Eurodollar, First Of All, 16-1 others.

1986: GOLD PROSPECT 4-9-8 B Rouse (12-1) G Balding 27 ran

FORM SINGLE was winning fifth race of the season when (8-10) cleverly beating Patriach (9-10) 1½l at Ascot (1m, £8051, good, Sep 24, 9 ran), with PRINCE MERANDI (7-12) 5½l 5th.
STAR OF A GUNNER, suited by soft, (8-8) 2½l winner from Vague Shot (9-4) of Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster (1m, £28365, soft, Mar 28, 25 ran) with PRINCE MERANDI and GURTEEN BOY well behind.
HIGHEST PRAISE coped well with the ground when (8-1) beating Spanish Calm (8-6) 1l at York (7f, £6200, heavy, Oct 10, 10 ran).
SAILOR'S SONG unplaced under 10-5 in heavy ground at Salisbury last time; previously (9-10) came with a late run to beat Stanford Vale (9-0) a head at Sandown (1m, £3875, good, Sep 25, 10 ran) with WYKEHAMIST (7-13) about 2l 7th and MR KEWMILL (7-11) well behind.
BOLD CRUSADER (9-0) beat Blaze Of Gold (7-7) an easy 4l (£5605, soft, Aug 8, 11 ran) at Haydock.
JAMIE-O, best form on easy ground; (8-12) beat WHIRLING WORDS (9-10) 1½l at Lingfield (7f 140yd, £2988, good to soft, Jul 25, 11 ran).
Selection: SINGLE

4.30 GREAT WESTERN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,077: 1m 5f 60yd) (14 runners)

601	(6)	420001	AIM TO PLEASE 33 (CD,S) (J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-7	J Reid	97
602	(13)	143110	WUJUD 68 (BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-7	Pat Eddery	93
603	(11)	103020	FATU HIVA 7 (B,G) (R Kamilowsky) John FitzGerald 9-3	R Hills	93
604	(8)	103	MANJANIQ 20 (G) (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-12	M Roberts	92
605	(2)	082210	CASTLE IN THE AIR 20 (G) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-10	W Carson	97
607	(10)	00-03	SONG OF SIXPENCE 139 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-8	T Ives	88
608	(14)	02000	GOLDFIELDS 15 (W Morris) J Hills 8-8	R Cochrane	86
609	(4)	102404	GRANNY BIMPS 6 (G) (Int Thoroughbred Breeders) R Sheather 8-6	A Shoults (3)	94
610	(1)	2100	MISS ANTIBES 35 (B,S) (J Philpott jnr) B Hanbury 8-1	T Quinn	99
612	(9)	00-4340	CRISP HEART 29 (G Shropshire) J Winter 7-12	G Bardwell (5)	93
613	(12)	313111	PENNY FORUM 17 (G) (R Surridge) J Sutcliffe 7-9 (5ex)	Dale Gibson (7)	99
614	(3)	00000	MORAN WATER 129 (G Sefert) N Vigors 7-7	S Dawson	—
615	(7)	3000000	FLUTTER MONEY 31 (B) (Sir Neil Macready) M Blanshard 7-7	N Adams	85
617	(5)	00000-0	VAIGLY BLAZED 133 (L Spencer) C Horgan 7-7	T Williams	91

BETTING: 4-1 Aim To Please, 9-2 Penny Forum, 5-1 Wujud, 7-1 Castle In The Air, Manjaniq, 10-1 Miss Antibes, Song Of Sixpence, 12-1 Crisp Heart, 14-1 Granny Bimps, Fatu Hiva, 16-1 others.

1986: REFORM PRINCESS 7-3 G Bardwell (25-1) M Ryan 17 ran

FORM AIM TO PLEASE (8-2) won valuable Autumn Cup over course and distance (£11769, soft, Sep 19, 14 ran) beating Orient Line (8-7) 5l. Suited by soft.
WUJUD showed best form when (8-6) 3l winner from Our Account (9-7) with FATU HIVA (8-5) 4½l 5th at Goodwood (1m 4f, £8311, good to firm, Jul 30, 8 ran).
MANJANIQ (9-2) 2¾l 3rd to King Tellros (8-9) at Haydock (1m 4f, £5431, good to soft, Oct 2, 12 ran) with CASTLE IN THE AIR (9-0) unplaced.
GRANNY BIMPS (8-11) 8½l 4th to Min Allah (9-5) at Kempton last month (1m 3f 30yd, £2784, Sep 5, 12 ran).
MISS ANTIBES (8-11) looks well handicapped on 2½l win over Raunity (8-11) at Haydock (1m 4f, £2014, soft, Aug 8, 6 ran) but has twice disappointed since.
Selection: AIM TO PLEASE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	41	114	36.0
M Stoute	23	96	24.0
J Tree	22	153	14.4
C Brittain	20	152	13.2
B Hills	24	195	12.3
W Ham	29	230	12.6

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	50	255	19.6
S Cauthen	54	283	19.1
T Ives	18	113	15.9
B Raymond	13	86	15.1
G Starkey	20	146	13.7
W Carson	46	347	13.3

3.30 DONYATT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £763: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1	004-01P		ALI PALI 16 (B,CD,F) (M Brower) J Bennett 5-11-7	S Shilston	84
2	269/		AL TRUI 1024 (M Saunders) S Mellor 7-10-11	G Landau	—
4	0402-04		CHILWORTH MANDALIN 9 (B) (Mrs L Dresher) O Sherwood 5-10-11	S Sherwood	96
10		02	GARA STAR 20 (Mrs P Wright) D Murray-Smith 5-10-11	P Croucher	—
11			HUSCARLES (Pyle Bros Ltd) B Stevens 4-10-11	S Moore	—
14		0/	MONINSKY 656 (R Hawkins) P Cundell 6-10-11	R Strange	—
19	44020-0		THE LEGGETT 27 (Mrs G Malone) P Hobbs 4-10-11	P Hobbs	99
20			ALICE HILL (T Mills) D A Wilson 4-10-6	K Caplen (7)	—
21		0	BISHOPS CHOICE 7 (D Hurd) J Roberts 6-10-6	L Harvey (4)	—
22		0/P40-	BUSH RADIO 185 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-10-6	J Frost	92
24		00-	DUSTY CHIMES 206 (H Reynolds) Mrs I McKie 5-10-6	A Webb	—
27		3FP4	FULL OF LIFE 9 (A Cunningham) M Pipe 4-10-6	J Lower	95
28		40	JAYELLS DREAM 16 (J Stones) P Hobbs 5-10-6	B Wright	86
29			LETITICA (Mrs E Taplin) J Taplin 7-10-6	Penny Pilkch-Hayes (4)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Gara Star, 3-1 Chilworth Mandalin, 7-1 Ali Pali, Al Trui, 10-1 The Leggett, 12-1 Full Of Life, 14-1 Jayells Dream, Bush Radio, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.0 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,599: 3m) (16 runners)

2	0134/16-		EASTER CARNIVAL 363 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Best) K Bishop 11-11-10	P Richards	97
3	2P/3330-		VALLEY JUSTICE 338 (S) (A Carver) C Tritelline 7-11-2	S Earle	91
4	4-P2410		TRISKA 16 (B,C,F,G,S) (A Hunt) C Popham 11-11-1	S Powell	94
5	01-224U		KING'S JUG 7 (G,S) (M Julian) A Turnell 9-10-13	S C Knight	93
6	10P00P-		NOTRE CHEVAL 189 (S) (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 8-10-12	R Dunwoody	97
7	10P04-0		A BOY NAMED SIOUX 16 (F,G,S) (S Stevens) S Stevens 7-10-12	P Croucher	96
8	F422-34		CLERNA JET 9 (C,F,G,S) (P Tory) P Tory 8-10-12	Mr A Tory (7)	95
9	022000-		LANACRE BRIDGE 158 (B,F) (R Wright) P Hobbs 10-10-11	P Hobbs	97
11	PF214-3		SUPER EXPRESS 16 (G,S) (S Williams) D Barons 6-10-9	P Nicholls	91
12	3U300-3		SIR KENWIN 16 (C,G,S) (K Knox) R Armytage 9-10-9	Miss G Armytage	95
13	030P/T2-		PURSTON TRUSTY 146 (F) (Mrs J Turner) Mrs A Knight 8-10-7	George Knight	96
15	0/4F044-		THORNTON 186 (S,S) (E Tanner) J Baker 8-10-4	M Williams	97
16	111P/6P		CROWNING MOMENT 8 (B,C,F,G,S) (H Stancliffe) P Cundell 12-10-2	R Strange	—
17	F21-13		CUDAR 70 (BF,F) (Mrs R Manning) R Manning 9-10-1	N Coleman	85
18	02434-1		TOPHATTER 31 (F) (M Shine) R Hodges 7-10-0	R Beggan	94
19	3404-21		CHEADLE GREEN 7 (G,S) (Geo H Webber Ltd) T Hallett 10-10-0	D Morris (4)	99

BETTING: 9-2 Super Express, 5-1 Topflatter, 6-1 Cheadle Green, 8-1 Cierna Jet, 10-1 Sir Kenwin, Cudar, 14-1 King's Jug, Purston Trusty, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.30 LANSDOWNE FLYOL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,653: 2m 1f) (16 runners)

1	02011-F		HOPEFUL MISSION 23 (F,G) (A Speyer) H Beasley 8-11-10	J Brown (7)	96
2	4030-40		CAMDEN BELLE 9 (F,G) (Lady R Stuart-Worsley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 5-11-9	R Rowell	90
3	0002/31		RAINBOW LADY 7 (D,G,S) (S Wheatley) M Pipe 6-11-9 (7ex)	P Scudamore	96
5	02/4011-		KINGS FOLLY 213 (G,S) (Mrs A Gregg) D Haydn Jones 5-11-5	G McCourt	92
6	100020-		HANDY LANE 187 (F,S) (A Stoddart) C Popham 8-11-4	S Powell	91
9	01/0402-		COURTLANDS GIRL 371 (CD,F) (M Saunders) W Fisher 5-11-0	S McNeill	95
12	3231-F8		FANDANGO BOY 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs L Bertram) R Frost 4-10-10	C Hopwood (7)	99
13	164P00-		RIBOVINO 171 (F) (T Pearce) P Hayward 4-10-10	P Beaumont (7)	82
15	4P13-20		FLAMING PEARL 12 (F,S) (Mrs M Stevens) B Stevens 8-10-7	S Moore	91
17	100-		OLYMPIC EAGLE 185 (CD,S) (J Nutt) S Christian 4-10-6	R Beggan	92
18	20P002		BALLYWEST 8 (F) (Mrs A Weston) R Hodges 9-10-6	H Davies	98
19	140P/P-0		MANDOWN LAD 18 (B,F) (B Hall) P Hobbs 8-10-6	P Hobbs	—
21	010/P		BRENDON PRINCE 354 (S) (H Handel) Miss H Handel 8-10-3	Miss H Handel (7)	—
22	0/0439-0		SKYBOOT 27 (D Cridland) J Honeyball 8-10-0	R Dunwoody	94
23	000/		CONCERT PITCH 1985 (F) (D Egan) B Pelling 8-10

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Borg's fragrant approach brings a whiff of nostalgia

They say that sportsmen are finished the moment they stop playing — at least in marketing terms. Bjorn Borg has been putting that theory to the test during his current whistle-stop tour of Britain's high streets.

Borg stopped playing tennis six years ago, but yesterday he could be found trying to persuade the good people of Nottingham to remember his glory days and buy a bottle of his new fragrance. And if that seems at best an incredible test of memory for the public, at worst an awful indignity for a great sportsmen, then the locals did not seem to mind.

Indeed, amid the smell of Borg's new perfumes — *Signature* (for the mature nostril) and *6-0* (for the younger) — there was a distinct whiff of nostalgia floating around Boots the Chemist. "Oh, I do miss him. He was such a sportsman," lamented one old lady, while a small boy insisted that he'd heard the name before but couldn't put a face to it. That was hardly surprising; he was probably little more than the proverbial twinkle in his mother's eye when Borg was winning his last Wimbledon title, and fifth in succession, seven years ago.

One or two others had trouble trying to put a name to the face. Perhaps it was the hair. In the course of growing up or in the cause of fashion, Borg has lost his long locks. Even the poker face, which has launched 1,000 stony-faced Swedish tennis players, let him down. "I am surprised and pleased that people should remember me," Borg beamed. "I have always liked England and have played some of my best tennis here."

Cynics might suggest that Borg's sudden appearance on the streets and airwaves of England has less to do with his love for the country than his need to recoup some of his lost tennis millions. Characteristically, Borg shrugs at the notion, admitting only that they did not make as much money playing tennis in his day as they do now.

He also points out with that polite but curt tone which was as much a stock in trade as his two-fisted backhand that he is actively involved in the business and is not just lending his name to it. For the past two years, he has been touring Europe promoting his products; last year he started a fashion design company and he has moved back to Sweden to pursue his business interests.

"I gave up tennis because I wanted to do something outside the game. I have no wish to go back to tennis. I am happy in business and am still ambitious to succeed at something outside the game", he says. Tanned and dressed in his own designer gear, he did not look down to his last penny. He keeps fit by playing tennis twice a week, doing a little coaching with the Swedish juniors and by running.

He recalls his first Wimbledon Championship and his final against McEnroe as the most memorable moments in his career, but does so with a mechanical air that suggests that they belong to another world. The problem for Borg is which world he wants to belong to. Like many great players before him, he now finds himself in the twilight zone, half wanting to forget his past, half needing it to further his business career.

One senses that he would like to walk away from it — "I have been in the limelight for a long time" — and fall back into obscurity. Perhaps the people of Nottingham, Birmingham, Manchester and London will unwittingly contribute to that by not paying between £10 and £20 for his new fragrance range. But there probably will be enough in Europe and North America who will. His recent appearance in an Athens store had to be ended after 20 minutes because the crowd was endangering life and property.

What impressed the people of Nottingham, however, was not Borg The Aftershave Salesman, but Borg The Great Wimbledon Champion.

Andrew Longmore



Beaming Borg: Sweet smell of success extracts a smile from the former Wimbledon favourite

A dour affair as Twins falter

From Simon Barnes
St Louis

The World Series has moved 600 miles south down the Mississippi, from the dome of the Minnesota Twins to the home of the St Louis Cardinals, and let us get one thing sorted out before we continue: this is not S'at Looey, this is Saint Lewis. As in Lewis the fourteenth.

Few cities have given America more: St Louis invented the ice cream cone and the hot dog simultaneously, and has the world's largest brewery, owned by Anheuser-Busch. They produce Michelob, Budweiser and Busch beers here: and guess which company owns the Busch Stadium, where the Cardinals play? Come to that, guess who owns the Cardinals?

St Louis was the place you started from when you went to explore the rest of the country way back in the dawn of history, or to put it another way, the 19th century. Accordingly, the city is the Gateway to the West. The skyline is dominated — by ordinance, you are not allowed to build anything higher — by a stainless steel construction 600 feet high in the shape of an arch, exactly like half a McDonalds logo. This is called, yes, The Gateway to the West: this can be seen as a powerful tribute to the city's literal-mindedness and its sense of self-esteem.

So you can imagine what they felt about going 2-0 down to these no-hopers from Minnesota. This is the third World Series St Louis have contested in the eighties, so they are accustomed to success. And back in their vast and chilly stadium they clawed their way back into contention in the best-of-seven series with a 3-1 win.

After the spectacular hitting in the Metrodome in Minneapo-



lis at the weekend, this was a grim, tough contest dominated by the grim, tough beings called pitchers. Les Straker, a man born in Venezuela, opened for the Twins and John Tudor for the Cardinals.

Pitchers are your bowlers, of course, but you don't go into a game with four or five of them and swap them around. Both teams have a staff of nine pitchers, and only one will start each game.

Pitching is far more debilitating, in the short term, than bowling fast: you don't have a run up and a smooth, gun-oiled Richard Hadlee action. You coil yourself up on the mound and then whiplash the ball at the poor bloke on the plate. After half a dozen innings or so, you will be substituted for a relief pitcher: relieving is a specialised job, and if you can do it well you are a bullpen ace.

A pitcher will rest for several days to let his arm recover from the brutalising it has received in the game. Rotating the pitchers over the course of the season as well as during the course of a game is a prime managerial skill. Rotating the pitchers during a World Series can be crucial.

Pitchers seem to be pretty dour people. Their stock in trade is confrontation: the Sonny Liston stare is their first requirement. They tend to be laconic: "How did Whitey tell you you we're pitching on Wednesday and what did you say?" Greg Matthews, of the Cardinals, replied: "He said 'Greg, you're pitching on Wednesday' and I said 'Okay'."

Tudor works on a principle of total arrogance, and this is not always appreciated. A local journo explained to me: "He's so much of a jerk that when anyone else is a jerk, he gets royalties." But he pitched splendidly on Tuesday night.

The Twins lost on pitching. Straker pitched six innings without conceding a run, and then watched Juan Berenguer relieve him, pitch 19 times and concede three runs in the seventh. Straker is in his first season in major league baseball after ten years in the Minors. This was the biggest game of his life, and he did everything right. He lost. As the cricketer once said: "It ain't 'alf a bloody game."

Score by innings	R	H	E
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	1
St Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	X	3	9	1

Winning pitcher: Tudor. Losing pitcher: Berenguer.

R = runs H = hits E = errors

BASKETBALL

Success is a costly business

By Nicholas Harling

The stunning victory that was asked of Polycell Kingston by their coach, Kevin Cadle, was duly accomplished but the cost may have to be weighed in more than purely financial terms.

By becoming only the second British club ever to reach the last eight of a European competition, Kingston may well have to sacrifice their ambitions of further domestic successes.

For a club that is now talked about in reverential terms at home, Kingston have not collected all the honours that should have come their way. Three successive Prudential National Cups have been won but only a single Carlsberg League championship. It will be asking a lot of Cadle's squad to repeat that title success of 1985/1986 or even retain the Prudential Cup.

No sooner had Kingston achieved their remarkable 81-62 win over Galatasaray, to complete an aggregate second round victory of 138-129 against the Turks — who had started with a 10 point lead — than Dennis Roach, their chairman, was outlining the dangers ahead.

The format of the European Cup Winners' Cup requires Kingston to enter one of two groups of four clubs. Each team in the group will have to play the other three home and away. Fixture clashes are inevitable.

Roach, who will attend the draw in Munich on November 7, will be asking the FIBA (Federation International Basketball) to take a sympathetic view should Kingston, as expected, reach the Prudential National Cup Final again on December 14, the day before one of the six stipulated European dates for group games.

Roach will also be holding talks with sponsors and his local council. "Obviously, we want to win and will find money from somewhere but it is hard because we don't get any grants, Roach said.

● England, who have reached the semi-finals of the European championships for the first time, have named a 12-man squad for the matches with Greece, on October 29, and with Czechoslovakia, at Leicester on November 4.

ENGLAND: K Tatham (capt), M Speid, C Irish (all Portsmouth), J Moore, K Scott, P Stimpson (all Kingston), P Scantlebury, M Bett (both Bracknell); J Jones, J Fogerty, D Gardner (all Manchester United), C Vaughan (Leicester).

CRICKET: ENGLAND MISS A CHANCE TO WORK ON A NEW STRATEGY IN THE FIELD

Crucial appointment in Jaipur

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Karachi

WORLD CUP CRICKET

Winners of their first four matches in the World Cup, despite being in the stronger of the two groups, Pakistan have been installed as firm favourites to become champions. They are assured of a place in the semi-finals, and as a quid pro quo for the final being given to Calcutta, Pakistan were promised that if they reached the semi-finals they could play theirs in Lahore. This they will now do, and Imran's wish that India should be their opponents there may well come to pass.

The semi-finals will consist of the winners of one group playing the runners-up in the other, and vice versa. As things stand, Australia have the edge over India in Group A, with New Zealand and Zimbabwe trailing. The runners-up to Pakistan in Group B will be England or West Indies, who meet in Jaipur on Monday. If England win there and then beat Sri Lanka they will be through.

At Kanpur yesterday West Indies were given a nasty fright before getting the better of Sri Lanka. It is a long time since a West Indian side looked as unconvincing as Richards' at the moment, and I have not forgotten their lack of success in Australia last winter. England, meanwhile, were rueing the fact that on Tuesday, for the second time in the competition, they had let Pakistan off the hook.

Yet, of the two sides Pakistan were the ones to practice yesterday. Although England will have a fortnight in which to kick their heels if they fail to reach the semi-finals, they were told they need do nothing until they reach Jaipur on Saturday. They have been warned, too, that the practice facilities in Jaipur are unlikely to equal those they spurned yesterday. The team flies to Delhi this evening and from Delhi to Jaipur tomorrow evening.

Next to the hotel where the two teams have been staying is the Karachi Gymkhana Club, whose groundsman had prepared a lovely pitch yesterday for just the sort of open-wicket practice which England need for experimenting with their field settings, working on their fielding, which let them down badly on Tuesday, and keeping a batsman's eye in.

On Tuesday Pakistan's batsmen were picking off leg-side singles at a rate which assured them of two or three runs an over. There are two avenues — one towards mid-wicket when the off spinners were on, the other to long-off for the faster bowlers — which need blocking up. If they are going to be, it is by trial and error that ways will be found. This could have been worked on yesterday, with the whole side entering into it.

Things started to go wrong on Tuesday when Athey, who had already taken eight runs off Tauseef's over, was bowled trying a reverse sweep, a misbegotten stroke of poor return. The stroke seems to me to be 30 per cent chance, 25 per cent bravado, 15 per cent frustration, 10 per cent gullibility, 10 per cent inadequacy and 10 per cent expedience.

Until Athey played it now he had done little wrong. But this was sure foolhardiness, and as much out of character as if Boycott had done it, or Hutton or Sutcliffe. The last two, I know, were never obliged to play one day cricket. In that respect they were fortunate, because it is not a game that would have suited them.

In Sunday League bashes there could, just occasionally and in certain hands, be a place for the reverse sweep. Even in international cricket I have seen it effectively played: by Greenidge, for example, and Gatting and Miandad, though never, as it happens by a left-hander. It requires practice and sleight of hand, and a different philosophy from Athey's.

To an essentially orthodox and instinctively cautious player such as he is, generously endowed with natural strokes, it is much better left alone. I hope he never even practices it again, as he was seen to do in the nets on Monday, with the approval of the captain and presumably the coach.

Yesterday Gatting stood up for Athey, saying that for the first time in England's innings Pakistan had no one behind the wicket on the off-side and that Athey was no more culpable than if he had been bowled trying to run the ball down there right-handed. Well, that is a matter of opinion. Let's leave it at that and remember Athey's innings for what it was until then — an excellent piece of batting.

CUP DETAILS

Group A

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Australia	3	3	0	12	5.41
India	3	2	1	8	5.13
New Zealand	3	1	2	4	5.18
Zimbabwe	3	0	3	0	3.42

REMAINING MATCHES (India): Today (Delhi): India v Australia; Tomorrow (Calcutta): New Zealand v Zimbabwe; Oct 26 (Ahmedabad): India v Zimbabwe; Oct 27 (Chandigarh): Australia v New Zealand; Oct 30 (Cuttack): Australia v Zimbabwe; Oct 31 (Nagpur): India v New Zealand.

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Pakistan	4	4	0	16	4.87
West Indies	4	2	2	8	5.27
England	4	2	2	8	5.03
Sri Lanka	4	0	4	0	4.05

REMAINING MATCHES (Pakistan unless stated): Oct 25 (Faisalabad): Pakistan v Sri Lanka; Oct 26 (Jaipur, India): England v West Indies; Oct 30 (Pune, India): England v Sri Lanka; Oct 30 (Karachi): Pakistan v West Indies.

● Top two teams qualify for semi-finals. Where teams have equal number of points, their positions are determined first by number of wins, then by run rate.

SEMI-FINALS: Nov 4 (Lahore): Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A; Nov 5 (Bombay): Winners Group A v Runners-up Group B.

FINAL: Nov 8: Calcutta.

Patterson answers the call

From Alan Lee

The West Indies have been floundering in unfamiliarly deep waters ever since this World Cup began. Yesterday, venturing into India for the first time, they might have stepped out of their depth as the unthinkable prospect of humiliation by Sri Lanka began to beckon.

They survived the scare, winning by 25 runs and edging England out of second place in Group B on run rate. It was, however, not pretty to watch and the suspicion grows that whichever team accompanies Pakistan into the last four will be doing so more through the default of the opposition than anything else.

Comparing this West Indian side with those of the recent past was always likely to be invidious. They have lost too many key players and, at last, the shallowness of their resources is apparent. This was the performance of a team lacking confidence, certainly, but one must also begin to wonder whether they have the strength of character to do much better.

With eight overs left of a well-balanced game, Sri Lanka needed 72 for victory. The tubby but effective Ranatunga was in full cry and, with five wickets standing, a sensation was perfectly possible. Four overs later the target was down to 37. Ranatunga having hit the unfortunate Walsh out of the attack en route to his highest score in a one day international. England's players, monitoring the game from their Karachi Hotel, were surely Sri Lanka's most fervent supporters.

In days gone by Richards would have thrown the ball to Marshall at such a time — or maybe Garner, or Holding. They were always spoiled for choice. But now the harrassed captain cast round more in hope than confidence before finding his saviour in Patterson.

Something serious has happened to Patterson. The charging bull who terrorized England two winters ago now minces in off six paces, after ritually dancing on the spot. The modifications suit limited-overs needs; he has tightened up noticeably and his frugal second spell sealed the game.

Ranatunga, who is only 23 but looks older, scored his 87 from 92 balls and ought to have been man of the match. The award went instead to Philip Simmons, who was almost as isolated during his 89 for the West Indies.

Simmons has scored 139 runs in his first two internationals and is a ray of hope for the West Indies. Tall, usually bare-headed and always delightfully free in his stroke play, he has begun to compensate for the absence of Greenidge. Haynes and Richardson are still struggling, however, and it was left to Logie, who has a remarkably good one day average of 40, to shepherd a careworn innings into respectable regions.

The total of 236 actually damaged the West Indian run rate; they now stand on 5.27 as against England's 5.03. In all probability, however, calculators will not be needed. Next Monday's clash in Jaipur will effectively be the eliminator.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes b Anurasiri	24
P V Simmons c Madugalle b Ratnayake	89
R B Richardson c Mahenama b Jeganathan	4
*I V A Richards c Ratnayake b de Silva	14
A L Logie not out	35
C L Hooper st Kuruppu b de Silva	6
†P J Dujon c Kuruppu b Ratnayake	6
R A Harper b Ratnayake	3
W K M Benjamin b Ratnayake	0
C A Walsh not out	9
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 7)	16
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	236

Did not bat: B P Patterson.

FALL: 1-62, 2-80, 3-115, 4-155, 5-168, 6-198, 7-213, 8-214.

BOWLING: Ratnayake 10-1-41-3; John 5-1-25-0; Ratnayake 5-0-38-1; Jeganathan 10-1-33-1; Anurasiri 10-1-46-1; de Silva 10-0-43-2.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahenama b Patterson	0
†D S B P Kuruppu c and b Hooper	33
J R Ratnayake lbw b Benjamin	15
R S Madugalle c Haynes b Harper	18
A Ranatunga not out	86
*L R D Mendis b Walsh	19
P A de Silva b Patterson	8
R J Ratnayake c Walsh b Patterson	5
S Jeganathan run out	3
V John not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 11, nb 10)	23
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	211

Did not bat: S D Anurasiri.

FALL: 1-2, 2-28, 3-66, 4-86, 5-156, 6-184, 7-200, 8-209.

BOWLING: Patterson 10-0-31-3; Walsh 9-2-43-1; Benjamin 10-0-43-1; Harper 10-1-29-1; Hooper 8-0-35-1; Richards 3-0-17-0.

Man of the match: P V Simmons.

GOLF

Davies favoured by heavier going

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Laura Davies and Dale Reid are poised to produce another classic head-to-head encounter in the Woolmark Women's Match Play Championship which starts at Moor Park today.

The championship has been resurrected after a hiatus of one year in time for Miss Davies and Miss Reid to continue their own confrontation for the top place in the Woolmark Order of Merit.

Miss Reid, who has won four times this season including the European Open, has already earned a record £49,565. She leads by £2,614, from Miss Davies, whom she is seeded to meet in the final.

If Miss Reid wins the first prize of £6,000 then it will bring to an abrupt end Miss Davies's quest to retain first place for a third successive year. If, however, Miss Davies survives longer than her rival then the argument will spill over into next week when the Spanish Open brings the curtain down on the 1987 WPGA season.

For Miss Davies it has been something of a watershed. In July she became the first British professional to win the US Women's Open. Since then she has mostly played in Europe with one success, in the Italian Open last month.

Next year she is contemplating an altogether different campaign. "I'm planning a 35-tournament schedule, compared with the 28 I played in this year," she said. "I start in America January and play through to April. After that it will be a mix with stops in Europe, Japan, and America."

Miss Davies has played with greater consistency this year, highlighted by the fact that she has had 13 top-ten finishes from 15 tournaments on the WPGA Tour. That consistency should help her erase the memory of her only previous appearance in this championship. That was two years ago when she was surprisingly beaten in the second round by Liz Glass.

While the course measures only 5,111 yards — almost the shortest on the WPGA tour — it will not seem that way. The recent monsoon forced the organizers to abandon yesterday's pro-am and there will be little run on the saturated fairways today.

Meanwhile, Trish Johnson, one of the few players on the tour comparable with Miss Davies in terms of driving power, will also be suited by the wet conditions. She is, of course, also on a high following her excellent six-shot win in the LPGA Qualifying School at Sweetwater, Texas.

Potential leaders only as rain takes effect

By Patricia Davies

It is pretty safe to say that after the first day of the Golf Plus PGA fourball championship at John O'Gaunt, Bedfordshire, yesterday, two couples were tied for the lead: Russell Weir and Michael Miller, a pair of Scots marauding south, and Peter Mitchell and Howard Francis, a pair of southerners venturing north of Watford.

All four played together on the Carthagena Course, normally the shorter one, and returned rounds of 61, eight under par. "We fancied 60 as a score," Miller commented, "and when we were seven under on the 13th tee, it looked like 59 or better, but Russell missed a couple of putts coming in."

Miller could afford to extract the Michael at his partner's expense. Weir seldom feels the urge to travel far from his maritime fastness in Dunoon, on the Firth of Clyde, and led the Scottish tour money winners this year with earnings of approximately £16,000. He recorded four of his pair's six birdies, and threw in an eagle three at the tenth as well.

Duly inspired, Mitchell and Francis, who reckon they have won 17 or 18 pro-ams between them this season, had eight birdies, with Mitchell bagging six of them.

Now comes the complicated bit. Over on the John O'Gaunt course, play was reduced to ten holes because flooding had provided the local ducks with a couple of new lakes to cavort on. The golfers played the first three holes in order, then trailed to the 15th tee and played the last four holes, followed by the tenth and then the eighth and ninth.

Lawrence Farmer and Graham Burroughs refused to be confused and went round in 34, six under par.

LEADING SCORES: Carthagena: 61: M Miller (unattached) and R Weir (Cowal); P Mitchell (West Malling) and H Francis (Pease Pottage). 64: W Stephens (unattached) and T Hanson (Royal Jersey); G Walker (Hillsborough) and J King (Worksop); G Broadbent (Blowick) and D Blakeman (Treanham). 65: A Bagsley and S Middleham (Haydock Park); S Brown (Northants County) and T Giles (Kingsthorpe); A Thompson (Haswell) and M Slater (Walton Hall). John O'Gaunt (10 holes): 34: L Farmer (West Middlesex) and G Burroughs (Boyce Hill). 36: G Berry and I Higby (Arrowe Park). 37: D Hulsh (North Berwick) and J Garner (Hill Valley Golf School); S Whymark (Ipswich) and T Pennock (Thorpeness); R Lambert and J Annable (Walsall).

Ellison starts back

Richard Ellison, the England all-rounder, starts his bid to regain full fitness when he begins a course at the RAF Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court on November 2.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Britons out to break monopoly

Britain have announced their nine-strong squad to compete in the first women's world weightlifting championship at Daytona Beach, Florida, at the end of the month (Chris Thau writes). Britain are one of 30 nations in the three-day event.

The United States and China are the leading contenders for the team title with the Americans dominant in the heavier classes and the Chinese outstanding in the lighter bodyweight divisions. The British, captained by Christine Starling, stand a good chance of breaking the American-Chinese monopoly.

A gold medal should not be beyond the shot putter Judy Oakes's capabilities in the over 82.5-kilogramme class, while others with medal potential are Pauline Houghton, a ballet dancer from South London, in the 52kg division and Jeanette Rose, who is better known as a javelin thrower. Marie Forteath and Debbie Lewis must also fancy their chances.

BRITISH TEAM: M Hilton, M Hughes, P Houghton, M Forteath, D Lewis, J Rose, C Starling, S Smith, J Oakes.

SQUASH RACKETS

Pakistan snub for Jansher

By Colin McQuillan

Winning the World Open championship is not enough to put Jansher Khan above his compatriot, Jahangir Khan, in the eyes of the Pakistan team selectors.

On team lists submitted yesterday for the ICI Perspex World Team championship, which starts today in clubs all over London and culminates on the all-transparent Perspex court at the Royal Albert Hall on October 31, Jahangir, aged 23, was at first string and Jansher, aged 18, at second string. Umar Hayat was nominated at third and Qamar Zaman at fourth.

But the International Squash Federation's fixtures committee immediately reversed the submission by ordering Pakistan to play the new world champion above Jahangir. "The order must be on current form," the tournament organizer, Andrew Shelley, insisted. "This is a mandatory change."

The committee also changed the order of the England squad, moving Neil Harvey to third string, though he was nominated at two after beating Ross Norman, the defending champion, in the last 16 of the World Open. England, who meet Brazil at Lands club today, will play Philip Kenyon at first string, Gawain Briars second, Harvey third and the national champion, Bryan Beeson, at fourth. Geoff Williams, who crashed in an early round at Birmingham to Jamie Hicox, has withdrawn from the national squad to make way for Harvey.

"I still consider Jahangir to be the world No. 1," Karamatullah Chaudry, the Pakistan team manager, said. Jansher beat Jahangir in the semi-finals of the individual at Birmingham and then went on to beat Australia's Chris Dittmar 9-5, 9-4, 4-9, 9-6 in the final.

Both matches were acclaimed as the finest squash seen at world championship level since the best days of Geoff Hunt, back in the 1970s. "But the semi-final was much closer than the 3-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-7 result suggests," Chaudry said. "For me he is our best player and must be played at first string."

Jansher has now beaten Jahangir three times while winning the last five major tournaments. He put the world No. 1 out of the semi-finals of the Hong Kong Open 3-0. He won the Pakistan Open 3-2, having stood 4-8 and match point down in the third game. And he won in Birmingham.

"I am now No. 1," the new world champion, who is a warrant officer in the Pakistani Air Force and still the reigning junior world champion, insisted. "I go to play in Canada, USA, Switzerland and Oman, then I have holiday in Malaysia with my coach Mohamed Yasin. By then everyone know I am No. 1."

According to Jonah Barrington, the England team coach, Jansher is capable of becoming even better.

"Already he can outlast the fittest and the fastest," Barrington said. "When he develops full body strength he will be a horrible proposition."

HOCKEY

Reading lose their way but win the match

By Sydney Friskin

Reading	2
Oxford University	0

Reading, the Berkshire Cup holders, achieved their third victory in the Pizza Express London League by defeating Oxford University on a wet grass pitch at home yesterday, scoring twice in the first half.

It was a match of changing pattern with Reading dominating the first half and then losing their way, leaving Oxford to take up the running in the second. Adrian Radnedge was the best of the Reading forwards. He scored the first goal and had a hand in the second.

Oxford, with five Blues from last year, together with Ghauri, a Cambridge Blue, were playing their first league match of the season and gave more than a hint of better things to come.

Reading's first goal was scored in the 22nd minute, Adrian Radnedge driving home a hard shot after Cullity, the Oxford goalkeeper, had saved from Oscroft. Five minutes later Radnedge set up the chance for Porter to slot in the second goal.

Oxford began the second half with a strong attack to force two quick short corners, which was followed by another about midway in this period. They came closest to a score in the 21st minute when a shot by Herbert, after Ghauri had centred, was turned round a post by Keith Radnedge to concede a long corner.

READING: E Holt; K Radnedge, C Davey, C Oscroft, A McKenzie, R Seymor, N Barton, A Radnedge, N Porter, P Osborne, H Wilcox.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: G Cullity (West Australia University and Brasenose); G Perkins (St George's, Weybridge and Christ Church), R Stevenson (RCS, Wimbledon and Oriel), *N Webber (Whitgift School and Oriel), *R Oldenkott (Uppingham and Trinity), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham and Merton), J Cassie (RCS, Wimbledon and Brasenose) (sub: M Allen, Havant College and St John's). A Ghauri (Kingston GS and Worcester), *R Rasli (Catford and Lancoln), *S Mase (Merchant Taylor's and Brasenose), J Herbert (Bryanstown and Brasenose).
Umpires: M Martin and D Howell (South Counties).
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Hearn defends his delay over TV fight coverage deal

By Ian Stafford

As the final countdown towards Saturday's heavyweight clash between Frank Bruno and Joe Bugner began, Barry Hearn yesterday denied that he has attempted to deceive the public over television coverage in the quest for ticket sales.

Although boxing's newest promoter has insisted throughout the elongated build-up to the fight that in Britain it will not be screened live, he confirmed that Independent Television could be showing it only an hour after it takes place at White Hart Lane.

"There really is no element of conning whatsoever," he told sportswriters at the Waldorf Hotel, London. "You have to be commercially minded. I am still haggling with ITV but I am sure they will agree with my points. The options are: showing it delayed the same night or the following day.

"I have had to make a balanced decision and whichever way it goes I will upset someone, but I think people understand that anything delayed by at least an hour is sport in 1987. We are turning into a nation who watch sport on television and I want to reverse this trend."

Hearn's argument is that genuine followers of boxing will want to be at Tottenham Hotspur's ground regardless of the fact that it will be televised, and he is anticipating a crowd of at least 35,000.

"I have wanted to see Bruno fight Bugner since the early days of Bruno's career," he said. "Staging it has been the hardest thing I have ever tried to do, though. I thought the hardest part would be getting Terry Lawless's approval, but it turned out to be Marlene Bugner."

Hearn met with Bugner's insistence of a guarantee of £250,000 for the fight and also paid Bugner's former wife, Melody, £14,000 for outstanding maintenances. The latest episode in the Bugner and wife series, however, has left even Hearn mystified. Bugner received a writ on Tuesday and his solicitors will represent him in Cambridge this morning.

All this is a minor aberration, if not, indeed, another welcome serving of hype which can only boost the final attendance figure on Saturday night for a fight Hearn plugs incessantly.

"I feel sorry for Joe," he said"If anyone thinks he is here for an easy pay-day then they can think again. I have seen him lose almost a stone in weight and he is in good shape. I want Bruno to win and I still think he will but it is now an even bet."

Hearn yesterday welcomed the imminent competition to his Romford-based Matchroom stable in snooker from Frank Warren, the boxing promoter and manager.

Honeyghan prepares

Lloyd Honeyghan flew back to London yesterday after spending three weeks at a secluded training camp in New York in preparation for next week's world welterweight title defence against Jorge Vaca, of Mexico.

Honeyghan's trainer, Bobby Neill, is not worried by the fact that Vaca is a late replacement for Bobby Joe Young, of the United States.

"It doesn't matter who Lloyd fights, he's in great shape," Neill said. "The training has been terrific and I can't remember seeing him looking so good.

"It makes all the difference to go to America. The facilities are superb and everything is geared for Lloyd to work. There are no distractions."

Honeyghan, who knocked out his last challenger, Gene Hatcher, of the United States, in 40 seconds, said: "I think this one will last a few rounds. The guy is no fool, he's unbeaten for about three years so it should be a good fight."

But the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation champion, who brought with him an enormous "ghetto blaster" cassette player, added: "I've got to put this guy away quickly to get back to my music."

Honeyghan's bout against Vaca, his fourth defence of the title, takes place at Wembley next Wednesday.



Perfection in motion: Daniela Silivas, of Romania, scored the first perfect marks of the world gymnastics championships at Rotterdam yesterday. The top individual scorer, she excelled on the beam and the apparatus, for which she holds the world title.

Oblivions of the constant clicking of press cameras in an otherwise hushed arena, she moved smoothly through the set routine to earn 10 points and an ecstatic reception from the audience. Another 10 in the floor exercises gave her a personal total of 39.95, three-tenths ahead of Yelena Shushunova and Oksana Omelyanchik, of the Soviet Union, who are in joint second place.

TENNIS

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FOOTBALL

Scottish scouting mission

The Norwich City manager, Ken Brown, whose side are fourth from bottom of the first division after losing eight of their first 12 games, was a spectator at last night's UEFA Cup match between Aberdeen and Feyenoord.

He has recently been linked with two Aberdeen players, unsettled winger Peter Weir and midfield player John Hewitt and is also thought to be interested in Robert Connor, another midfield player.

Aberdeen have already provided Brown with one of his most successful signings. He paid out £100,000 18 months ago for the Scottish under-21 international goalkeeper, Bryan Gunn, on the advice of the former Aberdeen manager, Alex Ferguson.

The Derby County winger, Nigel Callaghan, who is finding it hard to settle in the area following his £140,000 transfer from Watford last February, has had a meeting with the manager, Arthur Cox, and the managing director, Stuart Webb.

He said yesterday: "There was no showdown, no ultimatum, just a sensible decision. I have certain problems and they had to be talked about. I'm trying hard to sort things out and the club will do everything possible to help me, provided I keep producing it on the field."

Cox added: "It was a good, commonsense meeting and we are doing all we can to help resolve the problems."

Notts County were ordered to pay Bradford City £20,000 for defender Chris Withe by a Football League appeals tribunal in Manchester yesterday. Bradford valued Withe at £50,000 but County offered £10,000.

Oldham have turned down a request from Leicester City to take Glenn Keeley, transfer-listed centre half, on loan. But the Oldham manager, Joe Royle, has told Leicester he is willing to listen to offers around £15,000.

However, Leicester were luckier in an approach to Oxford United for the 30-year-old Republic of Ireland full back Dave Langan, who has gone to Filbert Street for a month with a view to a permanent transfer. He scored Oxford's first goal of the season in the 4-2 win over Portsmouth, but has been unable to command a regular place.

Kelly offered bait of senior vest

By Chris Moore

David Kelly, the transfer-listed Walsall forward, has been offered the chance of an international career with the Republic of Ireland, after turning down an under-21 cap with them last season because of his ambition to play for England.

Following talks with Maurice Setters, the Republic's assistant manager, after scoring one of the goals in Walsall's 4-0 win at Doncaster on Tuesday, Kelly is giving serious consideration as to where his loyalties lie. He is eligible to play for Ireland because his father was born there.

Jack Charlton, the Republic's manager, is dangling the prospect of a full cap next month to try and tempt Kelly into the Irish camp.

"England would still be his first choice, but he can't wait for ever," Tommy Coakley, the Walsall manager, said.

● Brian Clough, of Nottingham Forest, is the latest first division manager to run the rule over Julian Dicks, Birmingham City's highly-rated left back. He watched Dicks turn in another impressive performance against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane on Tuesday, when he laid on the second goal.

● Earlier in the season Clough turned down an offer from Manchester United for Stuart Pearce, Forest's England left back, whose long-term future at the City Ground is still in doubt. Pearce's contract expires at the end of the season, and so far he has declined to sign a new one.

● Bangor City, who play in the Northern Premier League, were compulsorily wound-up in the High Court yesterday with a debt of £17,247 for VAT. Mr. J. R. James, counsel for the customs and excise, told Mr. Chief Registrar Bradburn that the Customs' winding-up petition had been adjourned in July in the hope that the debt could be settled, but the move came to nothing. There had also been a suggestion that the club might go into voluntary liquidation, but that had been rejected by the customs.

● Paul Clark, the Southend player/manager who was carried off during Tuesday's 2-0 defeat by Fulham, should be back in action in a few days.

Substitute equal to a key role

Schools football
by George Chesterton

Shrewsbury	1
Bradfield	1

A strong breeze had a considerable influence at Shrewsbury where the home team drew 1-1 with Bradfield yesterday.

Both sides had chances in the first half hour, with Shrewsbury perhaps looking the more dangerous, but it was Bradfield who scored first. Oscroft ran onto a through ball and shot hard and high into the corner of the goal from 18 yards.

Ten minutes into the second half Voisey put a ball into the Bradfield area and, following a partial clearance, the hard-working Coltart brought the scores level from a few yards out.

The tempo of the game then increased. Bradfield had two chances from high, floating corners, a firm shot from the second being well parried by Jones in goal. Moments later his namesake chased hard downwind to test Paintal equally severely in the Bradfield goal.

Back to the other end and goalkeeper Jones saved bravely before, within seconds, Paintal kept his goal intact with equal courage but he had to leave the field with a nasty injury.

Shrewsbury, sensing victory with Cameron-Clarke substituting in goal for the first time, tried downwind shots, including one from Wynn which hit the post. But Cameron-Clarke was not found wanting.

SHREWSBURY: M Jones; M Volsey, J Venn, P Deans, J Wagstaff, P Dixon, A Wynn, M Guy, G Coltart, D Bowden, L Jones.

BRADFIELD: P Paintal (sub: A Cameron-Clarke); Y Martini, J Bowden, D Garwood, R Garrett, A Thapa, W Oscroft, W Cairns, T Gammell, T Crane, B Lauder.

Referee: D Ralphs

Improvements needed

Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, has a long-term objective of a seventh successive Irish League title (George Ace writes). But after Tuesday night's second round Roadferry Cup win (2-1) at Windsor Park over Chimney Corner, the battling juniors, Coyle was well aware that all-round improvement will be necessary if he is to achieve his aim.

After a goalless first half, McGaughey headed Linfield into the lead on the hour, but four minutes later it was level. With virtually his first touch of the ball, David Moore, a substitute, swept past Brian Kennedy and crashed a right foot shot from 20 yards into the top corner of the net. Baxter headed Linfield's winner with 15 minutes remaining.

Last night's results

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, first leg: Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 3, Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 1.

CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, first leg: OFI Heraklion (Gr) 1, Atalanta (It) 0; Skhoder (Alb) 0, Rovaniemen (Fin) 1.

UEFA CUP: Second round, first leg: Wismut Aue (EG) 1, Flamurtari (Alb) 0; AC Milan (It) 0, Espanol (Sp) 2; Chaves (Por) 1, Honved Budapest (Hun) 2. Postponed: Spartak Moscow (USSR) v Werder Bremen (WG).

Wigan backbone to British team

By Keith Macklin

There are eight Wigan players in the Great Britain team to meet Papua New Guinea in the World Cup match at Central Park, Wigan, on Saturday. This is both a tribute to the strength of the Wigan squad and a useful boost for the attendance, with Wigan fans obviously likely to turn up in force to watch their favourites in international action.

On Tuesday fitness tests were given to the half-back pair of Andy Gregory and Shaun Edwards, and while there is no doubt that both players were feeling slight effects from their injuries, the Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, has decided that their importance to the functioning of the team makes it worthwhile to risk them. Gregory had has a niggling knee injury for some time, while Edwards has a slight groin strain.

The match gives a great opportunity to impress at international level for four players. They are the speedy and tricky Bradford Northern winger, Phil Ford, the St Helens and former Salford hooker, Paul Groves, the long-striding young Leeds second-row forward, Paul Medley, and the powerful young Bradford Northern forward, Karl Fairbank. Fairbank is one of the two substitutes, and clinched his place with a storming try which enabled Bradford Northern to gain a replay with Castleford in the Yorkshire Cup final.

The other six Wigan players include another newcomer to international rugby league in the full back, Steve Hampson. He has forced his way into the side with strong running and fearless tackling displays for Wigan and for Lancashire.

The back substitute is John Woods, the Warrington stand-off half, who has made a remarkable comeback following his transfer from Bradford Northern. He seems to have rediscovered the skill and speed which gained him a place on the 1979 tour of Australasia.

BRITAIN: S Hampson (Wigan); D Drummond (Warrington), D Stephenson (Wigan), J Lydon (Wigan), P Ford (Bradford Northern); S Edwards (Wigan), A Gregory (Wigan); K Ward (Castleford), P Groves (St. Helens), B Case (Wigan), A Goodway (Wigan), P Medley (Leeds), E Hanley (Wigan). Subs: J Woods (Warrington), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern).

Cumbria's sad decline

The far-flung outposts and missionary areas of Rugby League are normally identified as Fulham, Sheffield, Mansfield. (Keith Macklin writes). However, one of the older established regions of the game has for years struggled to retain its identity.

When the Cumbria county side beat Papua New Guinea at Whitehaven on Tuesday it was a sad reminder that the Cumbria side no longer exists except for special occasions. Furthermore, a look at the region's teams shows that the four Cumbrian clubs — Barrow, Workington Town, Whitehaven and Carlisle — are all in the second division, struggling along gallantly but fitfully on attendances which vary from 750 to under 2,000.

The decision to allocate a county match against the tourists was an attempt by league officials to show faith in Cumbria but it is an uphill struggle.

RUGBY UNION

Eagles grounded by weather

By Gerald Davies

Breconshire	15
United States	9

It was not an encouraging start for the United States Eagles' tour, sponsored by Midland Bank, falling as they did at the first hurdle by a goal, two penalties and a dropped goal to three penalties. In coming to terms with the wet and the cold, Brecon proved marginally the better-equipped.

Although the rain mostly stayed away, a strong wind blew and Pugh, the Breconshire captain, having won the toss, gave the advantage to the Eagles.

It was a closely contested forward affair in the first half but the interest largely centred on Williams, the former Wasps player and now American stand-off half, and as to what distance he might be dissuaded not to attempt a penalty shot at goal. The first, with which he succeeded after three minutes, was from 55 metres.

The next was from his own 10-metre line and the third, was from half way between the 10-metre line and his own 22-metre line. He was not too far off the mark either. But the other two that he did succeed with were from much closer distances.

One was from the Brecon 10-metre line and the other from their 22-metre line. Wyatt had kicked a penalty for the home side in the fourth minute. Apart from one slicing break by Williams from his own line, which could have led to a try, there was little else that was exciting.

With 10 of their World Cup players in the team, the Eagles failed to establish any authority against a spirited home side who, with the rain returning in the second half, were finding the conditions more to their liking.

Within six minutes of the second half, the home team had recovered the lead. Hunt dropped a goal and five minutes later they scored a try which, initially, had looked so promising for the Eagles. Saunders ran from a scrum near his own line. He passed inside to Williams near the half-way line but the ball went loose in the tackle for Wyatt to pick up and send Jeffries running along the touch-line to score.

The game was played largely between the two 22-metre lines with neither side achieving any authority in any phase. There was a good deal of scrabbling around for possession but with so many infringements there was no cohesion from either side though Wyatt did manage a further penalty.

SCORERS: Breconshire: Try: I Jeffries. Conversion: M Wyatt. Penalties: M Wyatt (2). Dropped goal: N Hunt. United States: Penalties: M Williams (3).

BRECONSHIRE: M Wyatt (Swansea); B Thomas (Ebby Vale), D Parry (Ebby Vale), A Donovan (Cardiff), I Jeffries (Swansea), N Hunt (Tredegar), G Jones (Ystradgynlais), C Jones (Swansea), M Roberts (Seracens), J Pugh (Neath, capt), R Stephens (Ebby Vale), H Richards (Neath), N Mebbitt (Maesteg), F Jacas (Pontypool), L Rutherford (Ystradgynlais). United States: Montgomery, J Aston, K Higgins, D Shanaghar, G Hein, M Williams, M Saunders, B Hopworth, P Johnson, F Paoli (capt), R Crivellone, K Swords, T Ridnell, D Surdyka, B Vizard. Referee: T Spreadbury (RFU).

Cooke masterminds Warwick win

Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

Warwick	19
Sevenoaks	9

A scintillating performance by the Warwick backs, when facing the strong first-half wind, proved decisive at Warwick yesterday, where they beat a very capable Sevenoaks side by two goals, a try and a penalty to a goal and a penalty.

Both sides had lost only one match at the kick-off, but the pace, penetration and tireless backing-up by Warwick, whose talented fly half, Cooke, was far too canny to kick much into the strong wind, was soon in evidence.

Stanton, their adventurous full back, was the key man initially. When Sevenoaks did not cooperatively buy his outrageous dummies, he regularly launched the speedy Short out of defence.

Most of Sevenoaks' more promising attacks stemmed from Gould, at fly half. Their powerful full back, Neil-Dwyer, also impressed, but the backs did not generally function as a unit.

Warwick's firt try followed a searing run by Stanton, who handed on to Moffatt for Cooke to convert. An excellent break by Gould for Sevenoaks made a try scored and converted by Woods, but the best move of the match guaranteed Warwick the interval lead.

Cooke worked a double dummy scissors with his centres, and fed Stanton, who made good ground before passing to Moffatt who chipped ahead and scored.

In the second half Cooke kicked beautifully and precisely for position.

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WARWICK: G Stanton; N Short, S Thompson, J Moffatt, R Sloan; R Cooke, B Nelmes; M Dove, M Colebrook, M Heeks, R Phillips, S Walter, M Sarson, J Cooper, R Lees.

SEVENOAKS: D Neil-Dwyer; G Norton, R Woods, M Pinches, R Von Schmidt; J Gould, L Watt; A Clare, B Maynard, A Wardle, A Lundie, H Hercod, A Westlake, M Andreasson, M Palmer.

Referee: A Sparks (Warwick).

SNOOKER

Late reward for Parrott's early toil

By Steve Acteson

One improbable fluke from John Parrott finally rewarded him for an afternoon of sheer endeavour as he beat Terry Griffiths, the No. 6 seed, of Wales, after a four-hour battle to reach the last eight of the Rothmans grand prix at Reading.

Griffiths's safety play was, for the most part, at its immaculate best and he also mixed it well with the free-scoring Parrott in break-building — they scored a century apiece in the absorbing encounter.

But the turning point came in the deciding frame when, after Parrott had begun with a break of 64, Griffiths threatened once again to tie him up in a mesh of snookers on the second-last red, but Parrott not only escaped at the first attempt but he sank the red into a middle pocket and one colour was all he needed for victory.

Parrott had trailed 2-0 but a third-frame break of 106 began a three-frame winning run before Griffiths levelled again at 3-3 and then compiled a magnificent run to 119 to steal ahead once more. Parrott then felt the weight of Griffiths's sheer persistence in the eighth frame when the Welshman clawed his way back from 46-0 down with the help of three successful snookers on the yellow.

RESULTS: Fourth round (Tuesday): S Newbury (Wales) bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-0. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 85-106, 61-81, 43-82, 40-85, 8-76. S Davis (Eng) bt J Wych (Can) 5-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 94-41, 64-9, 29-73, 91-4, 73-18, 85-21. Fifth round (yesterday): P Francisco (SA) bt G Gripsey (Eng) 5-1. Frame scores (Francisco first): 8-79, 53-35, 70-20, 70-22, 89-25, 59-44. J Parrott (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-4. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 57-22, 60-49, 0-106, 16-82, 57-74, 73-48, 124-7, 47-64, 17-72.

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TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 2, Southampton 3. Second division: Barnsley 5, Reading 2; Bournemouth 2, Shrewsbury 0; Huddersfield 0, Hull 2; Middlesbrough 3, Ipswich 1; Oldham 1, Leeds 1; Plymouth 1, Millwall 2; Sheffield United 0, Birmingham 2; Swindon 3, Stoke 0. Third division: Aldershot 2, Chesterfield 0. Third division: Brentford 1, Chester 1; Bristol City 0, Sunderland 1; Doncaster 0, Walsall 4; Grimsby 1, Blackpool 1; Mansfield 3, Northampton 1; Notts County 3, Bury 0; Preston 1, Gillingham 1; Southend 0, Fulham 2; Wigan 3, Brighton 3; York 1, Rotherham 2. Fourth division: Bolton 1, Exeter 0; Burnley 1, Scunthorpe 1; Cardiff 2, Torquay 1; Colchester 1, Carlisle 0; Crewe 3, Stockport 1; Leyton Orient 3, Rochdale 0; Tranmere 1, Swansea 2; Wolverhampton 3, Cambridge United 0; Wrexham 0, Darlington 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford 2, Cheltenham 2; Sutton 2, Fisher 0.

FINE FARE SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clyde 1, Airdrie 0; Dumbarton 4, Partick 2; East Fife 2, Forfar 3; Hamilton 2, Queen of the South 2; Kilmarnock 1, Clydebank 3; Meadowbank 4, Raith 3.

UEFA CUP: Second round, first leg: Borussia Dormund (WG) 2, Velez Mostar (Yug) 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 4, Leicester 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Matlock 2, Worksop 2; Barrow 3, Mossley 2; Witton 2, Buxton 3; Bangor 0, South Liverpool 1; Goole 1 Frickley 1. First division: Eastwood Town 1, Eastwood Hanley 2. Postponed: Irlam v Penrith.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1, Leytonstone-Ilford 2; Carshalton 1, St Albans 1; Dulwich 0, Bognor Regis 3; Famborough 1, Wokingham 2; Kingstonian 0, Windsor and Eton 1. Postponed: Barking v Leyton/Wingate; Basingstoke v Hayes. First division: Basildon 0, Staines 4; Marlow 2, Oxford City 1; Woking 2, Chesham 0. Second division north: Aveley 0, Heybridge 1; Hertford 2, Hemel Hempstead 2; Hornchurch 1, Clapton 1; Wivenhoe 2, Rainham 1. Second division south: Chertsey 0, Epham 2; Epsom and Ewell 2, Whyteleafe 2; Hungerford 4, Cassberley 1.

FA VASE: First round: Redhill 7, East Grinstead 4. First round replay: Stansted 2, St Margaretsbury 3.

WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round: Baldock 1, King's Lynn 4; Atherstone 5, Rushden 1; Forest Green 3, Merthyr 0; Halesowen 4, Moor Green 1; Bridgewater 2, Banbury 1; Bilston 1, Willenhall 3; Alvechurch 2, Stourbridge 1; Aylesbury 3, Rubslip 1; Folkestone 0, Ashford 2; Crawley 1, Chatham 2; Witney 2, Worcester 3; VS Rugby 5, Grantham 0; Redditch 0, Mile Oak 0; Andover 1, Gosport 2. Postponed: Gravesend v Dartford; Burnham v Erith and Belvedere; Corinthian v Dover; Gravesend v Dartford; Hastings v Thanet; Waterlooville v Hounslow.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Feltham 3, Luton 3. Postponed: Charlton v West Ham.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth Town 2, Plymouth Argyle 1; Paulton Rovers 1, Radstock Town 1; Weston-super-Mare 2, Minehead 0; Mangotsfield 1, Dawlzeas Town 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough 0, Colwyn Bay 2; Skelmersdale 2, St Helens 2. Postponed: Rossendale v Kirkby.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 2, Essington 3; Chasse-le-Street 0, Ryhope 0.

HERTS SENIOR CUP: First round: Letchworth GC 1, Watford 4.

SOMERSET SENIOR CUP: Preliminary round: Bath 2, Yeovil 2.

OTHER MATCH: Barnet 2, Arsenal 2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

KORAC CUP: Racing Club Paris (Fr) 96, Divarese (It) 85. (Racing Club win 196-181 on aggr); Charleroi (Bel) 61, Real Madrid (Sp) 84. (Madrid win 182-135 on aggr).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Pesaro Scavolini (It) 101, Enad Nicosia (Cyprus) 49. (Pesaro win 244-90 on aggr); Limoges (Fr) 108, Uusikaupunki (Fin) 101. (Limoges win 201-196 on aggr); Maroussiou (Bel) 116, Porto (Port) 91. (Maroeitsiou win 202-182 on aggr); Polycali Kingston 81 (Borntrager 25, Davis 15, Moore 14, Scott 12), Galatasaray (Turk) 82 (Kuyaycayan 18, Candi-Kolu 17). Kilkgreen win 196-129 on aggr; Novi Belgrade (Yug) 125, UBC Wels (Austria) 69. (Belgrade win 222-154 on aggr); Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 94, Levski Spartak Sofia (Bul) 67. (Leverkusen win 180-161 on aggr); Joventut Badalona (Sp) 104, AB Contern (Lux) 69. (Badalona win 137-136 on aggr); Hapoel Gali Elyon (Isr) 93, Aris Bromma (Swe) 84. (Hapoel win 186-177 on aggr).

RONCHETTI CUP (Women): Second round, second leg: Stella Azzura (It) 98, Asterac Mirande (Fr) 61. (Azzura won 176-158 on aggr); Racing Club Paris (Fr) 92, SG Munich (WG) 53. (Racing won 187-123 on aggr).

BOXING

STOKE: Lightweight (four rounds): Pat Barrett (Manchester) bt Michael Howat (Nottingham), points. Light-heavyweight (eight rounds): Johnny Held (Rotterdam) bt Neil Meggitt (Ellesmere Port), Featherweights (10 rounds): Robert Dickie (Wales) bt Rocky Lawlor (Birmingham), disq.

CYCLING

WEST BERLIN: Six-day race: Final placings: 1, D Thurau (WG)/U Freuler (Switz), 390pts; 2, D Clark (Aus)/A Doyle (GB), 348. Two laps behind: 3, R Guenthel (WG)/R Hermann (Liech), 353; 4, J Kristen (WG)/E de Wilde (Bel), 286. Three laps behind: 5, S Tourne (Bel)/P Binsfeld (Lux), 163. Four laps behind: 6, J Schlaphoff (WG)/H-H Oersted (Den), 201.

FOOTBALL

SWISS LEAGUE: Servette Geneva 1, Lausanne 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Swindon 1, Millwall 1. Postponed: Arsenal v Ipswich.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Mansfield v Stoke; York v Darlington.

GOLF

LA MANGA: First open championship: Pool A: Glamorthes bt Princes, 3½ -2½; Rowlands Castle bt Penwortham, 4-2. Pool B: Tyneside bt Didsbury, 5-1; Ramsay bt Hanbury, 4½-1½.

TENNIS

BRIGHTON: Volvo women's classic: First round: S Hanika (WG) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-3, 7-5; G Sabatini (Arg) bt B Nagelsen (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Cecchini (It) bt A Henriksson (US) 6-4, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Durie (GB) 6-3, 6-2; K Jordan (US) bt Z Garrison (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-0; E Bunge (US) bt R Rajchrova (Cz), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; K Maleeva (Bul) bt S Parkhomenko (USSR), 6-0, 6-1; S Gomer (GB) bt A Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-3. Second round: B Bunge (WG) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt P Paradis (Fr), 7-6, 6-1; Sabatini bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-2, 6-3.

GYMNASTICS

ROTTERDAM: World championships: (Leading placings after women's compulsory exercises): 1, Soviet Union, 197.50pts; 2, Romania, 197.375; 3, East Germany, 194.50; 4, China, 192.925; 5, Bulgaria, 192.80; 6, United States, 190.75; 7, Czechoslovakia, 190.15; 8, Hungary, 189.80; 9, Canada, 189.375; 10, South Korea, 189.525; 17, Italy, 184.575. Individuals: 1, D Silivas (Rom), 39.95pts; 2=, Y Shushunova (USSR), O Omelianchik (USSR), 39.85; 4, A Dobre (Rom), 39.825; 5, S Skaltova (USSR), 39.525; 6, E Szabo (Rom), 39.40; 7, S Bogomolova (USSR), 39.35; 8, C Vonwiller (Rom), 39.175; 9=, U Klotz (EG), T Tougilkova (USSR), 38.15.

ICE SKATING

SUNDERLAND: St Ivel British intermediate championships: Finals: Men: 1, A Fletcher (Nottingham) 3.0 pts; 2, J Martin (Kyle), 3.4; 3, J Beaton (Birmingham), 6.2. Women: 1, M Waller (Murrayfield), 4.0; 2, J Smith (Nottingham and Deeside), 9.0; 3, S Mitchell (Telford), 8.0. Dance: 1, A Westcott and A Waters (Slough), 2.0; 2, A Austin and M Jellows (Richmond), 4.0; 3, D Lyons and L Goldenberg (Streatham) 6.0.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Field Trophy National Club Championships: First rounds: Queen's Club bt Cambridge 3-2 (Queen's names first: R Mackenzie bt N Pendrigh, 6-1, 6-3; W Maltby lost to D Colquhoun, 0-6, 3-6; L Droitte lost to M Howard, 5-4, 3-6, 3-6; J Walsh and S Kvemdal bt D St George and R Swallow, 6-1, 6-4; J Rothman and D Pease-Watkin w/o.

RUGBY FIVES

OXFORD: Oxford University 0, The Artists 2 (Oxford players first): A Mole and G Reynolds lost to L Martin and J Reynolds, 3-2; J Vlasic and N Bason lost to A Carrier and P Thomas, 3-1.

RUGBY UNION

TOKYO: Tour match: Japan Select XV 0, New Zealand 94.

Tuesday's results:

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (at Bosspor): Notts, Lincs and Derbys 9, Warwickshire 39.

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers 48, Clifton 6; Penarth 21, Aberavon 29; Neath 33, Newbridge 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WHITEHAVEN: Tour match: Cumbria 22, Papua New Guinea 4.

SPEEDWAY

MIDLAND CUP: Final leg: Coventry 39, Cradley Heath 39.

STAR KNOCK OUT CUP: First leg: Coventry 45, Cradley Heath 45.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Postponed: Oxford v Belle Vue; Oxford v Ipswich.

VOLLEYBALL

SEATTLE: International match: United States bt Soviet Union 3-1 (12-15, 15-8, 15-7, 16-14).



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World Cup game faces a terrorist threat

From Alan Lee, Delhi

A horrifying mass murder in a Delhi park has provoked unprecedented security measures for today's crucial World Cup match in the city, between India and Australia.

Delhi's police chiefs confirmed last night that they fear the Sikh extremists, who gunned down 25 people on Tuesday evening, killing at least 10, could now be planning a terrorist assault of bizarre proportions, aimed at disrupting the sell-out cup game.

The police believe that the extremists' tactics may include the use of boobytrapped cricket balls, similar to a spate of bombs camouflaged as transistor radios which killed 65 people in Delhi during 1985.

A stern warning has been issued to the expected 30,000 spectators to be on their guard. Deputy Police Commissioner Umesh Katna said last night: "We believe the extremists may try to bring weapons into the ground hidden in cricket kit. After yesterday's killings, our security measures have assumed greater dimensions."

Metal detectors have been set up at all entrances to the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium. The police will also use commando and para-military units among a total strength, inside and outside the ground, which they say will run into thousands. "The public, particularly children, are warned not to pick up any objects which look like cricket balls," the police spokesman said. "They should also be on the lookout for booby traps and for terrorists in disguise."

If all this sounds a shade far-fetched, even for the volatile subcontinent, there is more to come. The four terrorists responsible for Tuesday night's indiscriminate carnage in Chittaranjan Park abandoned their motor cycles, from which they had fired sten guns, and tried to effect an escape by passing themselves off as cricketers.

Dressed in coloured, team tracksuits, and even carrying cricket equipment, they boarded a public bus before scattering when another passenger apparently spotted some bullets in a kitbag. Police claim that one of the men was later shot dead but the rest remained at liberty last night in a city now on red alert, with all exit roads blocked.

It is an unreal atmosphere in which to stage any cricket match, especially as this game had been scheduled to coincide with Diwali, roughly speaking, the Indian Christmas. It was to have been a celebration, accompanied by fun and firework displays. Sadly, the fireworks began too early.

Cricketers touring this part of the world become hardened to security scares and, although this one seems more serious and sinister than most, the highly charged atmosphere of a vital game should, hopefully, banish apprehensions among two well-matched teams. The safest man today, however, is likely to be Dickie Bird, who was due to umpire the game along with fellow-Englishman, David Shepherd. Bird, whose World Cup experiences have already included some painful dentistry and a lost suitcase, has now succumbed to the inevitable stomach disorder and was last night rated highly unlikely to leave the comfort of his hotel room.

Neither team reported any such problems before a fixture likely to dictate which of the two will win the group and qualify for a Bombay semi-final, rather than a meeting with Pakistan in Lahore.

India have dropped the leg spinner, Sivaramakrishnan, who has looked distinctly rusty, and Chetan Sharma will make his long-awaited appearance after injury. Australia, relishing the fresher conditions here (there is snow on the hills not far away) retain the team which beat New Zealand but Craig McDermott is likely to be relieved of new ball duties after twice having trouble with his control in the important early overs.

Both against India and New Zealand, McDermott's second spell was immensely better than his first and the team's brains trust has now decided he should bowl in the middle of the innings, while Simon O'Donnell shares the early attack with Bruce Reid.

A fortnight ago, in the first Group A match, Australia came back from the dead to win by just one run. That victory has done wonders for their confidence but, paradoxically, it has also shaken the Indians into shape and it would be a brave man who predicted the winner today.

More World Cup cricket Page 46

More TV coverage

England's World Cup match against the West Indies, which could ultimately decide who will go through to the semi-finals with Pakistan from Group B, will be shown live on television following a change of heart by the BBC. Coverage from Jaipur will start at 3.30 a.m. (British time) on Monday and continue throughout the game. The BBC have screened only an hour's live play from each of England's four group games so far — a decision strongly criticized by Peter Lush, the tour manager, last week.

END COLUMN

A £20m question is facing the RCA

By John Goodbody

The Racecourse Association yesterday finally signed the contract with Satellite Information Services (SIS) to beam horse and greyhound racing directly into Britain's 10,200 betting shops but the RCA's satisfaction is tarnished by profound concern in the industry about its immediate financial future.

"The racecourses are very worried that as a result of the money they receive from SIS the Levy Board will reduce its funding," General Sir Peter Leng, chairman of the RCA, said. "They are particularly concerned that any reduction should not happen for two or three years because the RCA will not be making a great deal extra until the 1990s."

Under the deal with SIS, which has been operative since May, the 59 racecourses will get between them £2 million in the first year (to May 1988), £3m in the second year, £5m in the third, £5m in the fourth and £5m in the fifth — a total of £20m. The deal will then be renegotiated.

But revenue from the commentary fund, broadcast by Exchange Telegraph from racetracks, and supplying the starting prices and odds, will drop in the first year from £1.3 million to £280,000. This is because the introduction of SIS will largely supersede its usefulness. As a result the RCA will be only about £1 million better off in the first year of operation of SIS. Since SIS is also projecting losses for two more years, RCA's 10 per cent shareholding will also not yield any dividends until after 1989.

General Leng said that, although the extra income from involvement with SIS would ultimately be used to benefit the public by improving course facilities, racecourses were facing new financial demands. From April there has been the increased Value Added Tax. He said one course estimated the VAT bill will increase from between £8,000 and £9,000 to £20,000. Insurance demands have also risen sharply in the wake of the Bradford fire disaster.

In the past, racecourses have relied heavily on financial support from the Horserace Betting Levy Board, which this year is distributing £25 million to the benefit of the sport from its percentage of off-course bookmaking. Half of this figure goes into prize-money for races while the remaining half goes towards such areas as technical services, veterinary research, loans to racecourses and even daily grants to some courses, who stage meetings on unfashionable days to enable a minimum of two fixtures a day throughout the year.

Tristram Ricketts, chief executive of the Levy Board, said: "The Levy Board keeps its distribution of money in constant review. We will look at developments in racing over the past year at the meeting to discuss our annual strategy in January 1988. One development is, of course, the fact that racecourses are now getting money from SIS. We will obviously consider to what extent we should direct funds to other areas of our overall programme."

Mr. Ricketts pointed out that in recent years the board had vastly increased the grants and loans to racecourses and added that the one definite decision in recent years was to cease its £100,000 funding of the Racecourse Publicity Association from the end of 1988.

The introduction of SIS, which by the end of 1987 should reach 2,000 shops and 8,000 by the end of 1988, has already been the most controversial development in racing in recent years. The Office of Fair Trading is investigating the betting industry because 45 per cent of the shareholding of SIS is held by the big four bookmakers, Ladbrokes, Coral, Mecca and William Hill, whom many see as having an unhealthy dominance of the nation's £4 billion-a-year betting business. The Tote has five per cent.

The RCA will remain the custodian in voting rights of the remaining 40 per cent of the equity in SIS until it is offered on the market by the merchant bankers, Schroder Wagg.

Spanish ploy pays off in Italy

Español, the Barcelona club, gained a surprise 2-0 win over AC Milan in their UEFA Cup second round first-leg match in Italy yesterday. Zubillaga scored in the 40th minute and Alonso added the second goal four minutes after half-time.

The Spaniards fielded a side comprised mostly of defenders and midfield players with the aim of escaping with a goalless draw. But the few chances created by the Italians were squandered by the Dutch international, Gullit, and Virdis. The game was played in Lecce as part of Milan's punishment for crowd trouble two years' ago.

Wismut Aue, the only remaining East German representatives in European competition this season, started strongly against the Albanians, Flamurtari Vlora, and secured a slender advantage for the second leg through a goal by Krauss after 20 minutes. Flamurtari looked dangerous on the counter-attack but had Ubegi sent off for a rough tackle near the end. The tie between Spartak Moscow and Werder Bremen was postponed until Saturday when fog prevented the West Germans from completing their flight to the Soviet capital.

The Portuguese side, Chaves, succumbed 2-1 at home to Honved Budapest, missing a penalty in the process against the Hungarians. A first-half goal from Persias was enough to give OFI Heraklion, of Crete, victory over Atalanta, of Italy, who had defeated the Welsh club, Merthyr Tydfil in the previous round of the European Cup Winners' Cup, in Salonika.

In the European Cup, the 1986 champions, Steaua Bucharest, secured a 3-1 lead to take to Cyprus after beating Omonia Nicosia in Romania. Haji, the international forward, scored twice — one a penalty — in front of a 40,000 crowd.

Leeds see Meade as the player to provide goals

By Martin Searby

Leeds United, the money-ladened club who have been consistently spurned by goal-scoring forwards this season, hope to have resolved the problem which has left them in the bottom half of the second division table. Raphael Meade, the former Arsenal player, now with Sporting Lisbon, is expected to sign for them for £250,000 today.

With £1,500,000 from transfer fees and gate receipts lying almost idle in the bank, Leeds have been trying to rekindle their flagging promotion challenge but, until now, they have not been able to tempt the right players to Elland Road.

Their manager, Billy Bremner, was turned down when he bid £350,000 for Mark Falco, of Glasgow Rangers, and Mark Walters, of Aston Villa. The former Leeds player, Ian Baird, also refused to return because of a disagreement with his club, Portsmouth. Bremner did, however, sign Jim Melrose from Charlton for £50,000.

Meade, aged 24, scored 17 goals for Sporting Lisbon last season, including four in as many games in the UEFA Cup, and in a four-year career at Highbury had 14 goals in 41 League matches.

Yesterday, he underwent a medical and Leeds despatched an official to Lisbon to obtain international clearance so that the forward can play in the home match against Bournemouth on Saturday.

"We found out he was in dispute with his club, so we moved in," Bremner said. "We remember him from his Arsenal days. He has aggression, speed and an eye for goals. When you can't get what you want in this country you have to look elsewhere."

Meade has not played for Sporting, the club he joined for £100,000 two seasons ago, for four weeks because of the dispute and has kept himself fit for action. If the registration forms are back from Portugal and with the Football League by tea time today he will be able to play.

"We have agreed terms with Sporting's representative and with the player but the deal will not be final until their president has signed the forms," said Bremner, who, in spite of the impending deal has not entirely given up hope of signing Baird. "I hope to have a further word with him before anything is settled," he said.

Leeds have recovered from the brink of bankruptcy three years ago to become one of the better-off clubs in the North. The initial move to stave off the creditors came when the city council bought Elland Road for £2 million but since then the money has rolled in.

The FA Cup run last year, which carried them to the semi-finals, produced a reputed £500,000, which the board made clear could be spent on new players.

More significantly, they received more than £1 million from the sale of Ian Snodin to Everton and Baird to Portsmouth.

Gate receipts are averaging £20,000 this season and supporters are keen for the success which Leslie Silver, the chairman, and Bremner are anxious to provide. The latest signing is unlikely to be the last nine at this stage last season, when Wimbledon went on to total 52. The club were fined £4,500 by the FA for that disciplinary disaster, and were warned that a £5,000 fine would be imposed if the situation did not improve this season.

McNeill claims innocence

Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, yesterday claimed that Rangers were more to blame than his players for the unruly scenes at Saturday's "old firm" game at Ibrox, in which Frank McAvennie, of Celtic, was sent off along with Terry Butcher and Chris Woods of Rangers.

McNeill said: "The behaviour of my players on Saturday was impeccable. Nothing that took place shook my belief that we at Celtic have a very disciplined group of players. Certain people seem to think that the blame for Saturday's events should be apportioned in almost equal amounts to each club. That is ridiculous.

"In fact, I wonder if I took too much passion out of their game by telling them to keep playing football and to respect the referee," McNeill wrote in the club newspaper, *The Celtic View*. The match was a 2-2 draw.

● Bobby Gould, the manager of Wimbledon, has, so far, failed to fulfil his promise to improve his side's disciplinary record. Gould's players have already collected 20 bookings this season, and Eric Young has been sent off. Eighteen of the bookings have come in the first division, compared to

● Steve Walsh, the Leicester defender, will appeal against the six-match ban imposed on him by the FA. The suspension was handed out after Walsh was sent off for an incident which left David Geddis, the Shrewsbury forward, suffering from a fractured jaw. Geddis is still out of action and is considering taking legal action.

Burridge undeterred

John Burridge, the Southampton goalkeeper, who suffered a broken nose in Tuesday night's 3-2 victory at Coventry, is expected to play against Chelsea on Saturday.

Since Burridge, aged 35, signed from Sheffield United, has been introduced into the first team to replace Tim Flowers, Southampton have won twice, and Chris Nicholl, the manager, said: "I reckon it will take more than a broken nose to stop him playing."

Meanwhile, Nicholl revealed that he has received no offers for forward Colin Clarke, rated at £750,000 and supposedly the target for West Ham. Southampton would be reluctant to part with the Northern Ireland player they signed 16 months ago, but Nicholl said: "Every player at every club is for sale if the price is right and it is in that club's interests to sell him. I would sell Clarke but it would take a great deal of money. So far, nobody has been in touch."



A legend in bronze: Sir Stanley Matthews poses before a life-size statue of himself at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday. The former Stoke City and England winger, who lives and coaches in Toronto, unveiled the £5,000 bronze statue and opened a new shopping centre in Hanley, just yards from the terraced street where he kicked a tin can around as a boy. Sir Stanley, now 72, sat more than 20 times for the sculptor, Colin Melbourne, who shows his subject in an action pose. The statue will form the centrepiece of a new pedestrian precinct. Cheered by thousands of fans, young and old, Sir Stanley admitted: "Whenever I travel all over the world I feel homesick. I go into restaurants and hotels and pick up a piece of crockery and find that it's made in the Potteries. I'll return here one of these days."

Rain no obstacle to Bugner-Bruno

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Joe Bugner and Frank Bruno were still heading for their collision yesterday despite the weather doing its best to throw buckets of cold water on their heavyweight contest at Tottenham Hotspur football ground on Saturday.

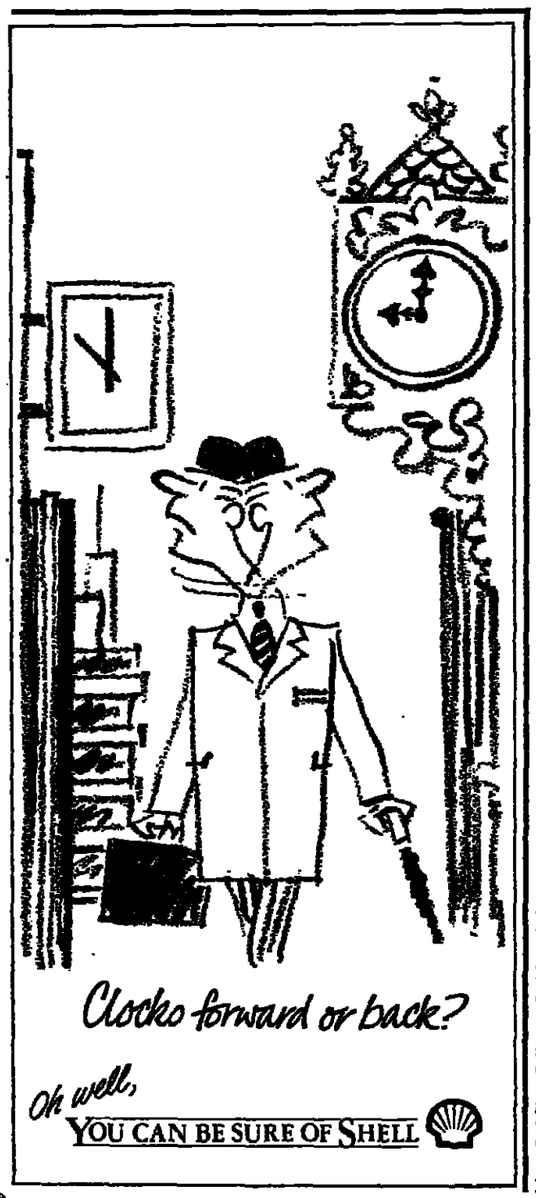
Peter Barnes, the Tottenham Hotspur secretary, said yesterday that the recent rains had not affected their preparations in any way and that the ground had now been covered by boards for the seating.

Dennis Roach, the public relations officer for Barry Hearn, the promoter of the contest, said that only torrential rain on Saturday could stop the bout. "If there is English rain the fight will go on," he said.

In case of prolonged heavy rain the contest could be moved from Saturday to Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. "But these things have a way of going on and this will go on on Saturday," Roach said.

The London Weather Centre was not available to give a weekend forecast as it was deluged with calls

● Herol Graham, the former No. 1 world middleweight contender from Sheffield, makes his comeback to the ring at Ardwick, Doncaster, on November 14. Graham fights Ricky Stackhouse, of the United States, who has won 18 of 24 bouts. Graham's manager, Barney Eastwood, said: "If he doesn't show what he can do now I don't think he has any future."



High street rivalry takes to racetrack

By John Blunsden

Vauxhall and Opel, for long competitors of Ford in the high street, are about to join battle with their rivals on the racetrack. Yesterday at Motorfair, at London's Earls Court, the former double world champion, Sir Jack Brabham, and his fellow Australian, Don Bagshaw, Vauxhall's chief executive, pulled the wraps off the first single-seater racing car to be built for a new 12-race Vauxhall Lotus Challenge series on British circuits next season.

Similar series of races, for Opel Lotus Challenges, will be operated in the Benelux countries and in West Germany and competitors in any of the three series will be eligible to compete also in a GM/Lotus Euro series, in which five of the eight races will be staged as supporting events to world championship grands prix in Britain, West Germany, Belgium and Austria, plus one other country yet to be decided.

This is the boldest example yet of GM using the Lotus name to help promote their mainline European products since buying the company last year. The new racing formula is built around a chassis designed and built by Reynard Cars, of Bicester, and powered by a 155bhp version of the 16-valve, two-litre GM engine first revealed at the recent Frankfurt Motor Show in a high-performance Opel Kadett.

The race engines, although developed by Cosworth Engineering, will be built at the Opel factory in Germany, tested for equality of performance, then sealed. Complete cars will cost £16,000, only minor tuning of the chassis will be permitted and the cost of spares will be controlled by GM Euro Sport and the European Formula Drivers' Association, who will be responsible for policing the series.

"I wish this series had been around two years ago," Sir Jack said yesterday. "I would certainly have put Gary [his second son] into it."

SPORT IN BRIEF

BCF move planned

The British Cycling Federation, faced with cuts in its Sports Council grant, will close its head office in the council's central London building and move to the south Midlands. The grant is expected to be for £110,000, and has to be spent on Olympic preparation, leaving administration arrears.

Yesterday, the BCF also announced that it has appointed Jim Hendry, the director of coaching development, to the new post of chief executive of the federation from November 1.

Davies delay

Jonathan Davies, the Wales Rugby Union side's stand-off half, decided yesterday to delay his return to the game until next week. Earlier, he suggested he would play for his club, Llanelli, against Pontypool on Saturday; but his injured knee hampered training on Monday. He aims to play against Petone, a New Zealand side, next Wednesday.



Staying: Frost in Scotland

Woosnam in

Ian Woosnam, the Suntory World Match Play champion, is included in the European team for the World Championship of Golf tournament in Tokyo from November 5 to 8. Four teams, representing the American, European, Japanese and Australasian tours, contest over 72 holes.

EUROPEAN TEAM (GB unless stated): B Langer (WG), A Lyle, I Woosnam, N Faldo, J-M Olazabal, K Brown.

Craven op

Danie Craven, the 77-year-old president of the South African Rugby Board, underwent heart surgery yesterday.

Faithful Frost

Morten Frost, the world No. 1 men's player, will attempt to win his fourth Scottish Open badminton title at Meadowbank in late November — despite the event's loss of grand prix status. Frost, the All-England champion, confirmed his entry yesterday.

Pair reunited

Kevin Conway and Tim Salmon, the ice hockey players who scored 300 goals between them in the Ayr Bruins' record-breaking 1985-86 season, have been reunited at Telford Tigers. The first division south club hopes to give both their debut in the first league game of the season against Cardiff Devils on Saturday.

Late hearing

The Rugby League tribunal will hold its hearing, postponed from last week, to decide the fees Barrow will receive from Salford from David Cairns and from St Helens for Les Quirk.

